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"What appears to me to be the most important part of our gains in this last year is that we have established before the world what I think the world did not thoroughly believe—the hearty sympathy which exists between the Colonics and the Mother Country. (Cheers.) It is a result of enormous value. It has been fully achieved. The Colonics have shown their interest in us by sacrifices

Topics of the Meck

ALTHOUGH the military operations in China are very much in the nature of a parade, and we are assured that the final negotiations for peace Punishment will soon be opened, the outlook is far from reassuring. A veil of secrecy is rightly thrown over the deliberations of the Ministers of the

Powers at Peking, but every now and then a corner of the veil is lifted, and the glimpse we obtain of the demands that are being formulated leaves us wondering how and when a normal situation is to be brought about. It seems that a long list of Chinese dignitaries has been drawn up, and it is proposed that their heads shall form a part of the indemnity to be paid to the Powers. There can be no doubt of the truth of this revelation, for it practically comes from the State Department of Washington, where it is viewed with scant sympathy. The Ministers, of course, know what they are doing, but, for our part, we doubt very much whether these heads will ever be forthcoming, and we cannot see how they are to be obtained if the Chinese refuse them. One of the chief offenders, for example, is General Tung-fuh-sieng, and his name, of course, figures on the Black List. It is, however, certain that if Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang were to agree to his decapitation, and the Emperor and Dowager-Empress were both to sanction it, it would still be impossible. For Tung-fuh-sieng happens to be the Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Army, and the Emperor and the whole machinery of Government are in his hands. How then is this demand of the Powers to be satisfied? Is there to be an expedition to Sian-fu and thence to Chengtu, and thence, probably, into the wilds of Mongolia? That will be a work of years, and meanwhile China will be without a Government, honeycombed with brigandage and rebellion, and the now peaceful Viceroys will find themselves forced to take up arms either against the rebels or the foreigners, and the whole land will be aflame. No doubt, in time, the European Powers would be able to grapple even with this enlarged problem, but it is certain that it would be at the expense of the present bases of their policy - the integrity of the Empire and the Open Door. Without the present dynasty nothing can be done, and the only alternative to it is Partition. With Partition the Open Door is bound to go, though, while the troubles last it is of little good, seeing that however wide-open the door may be no trade is likely to go through when the markets on the other side are merely happy hunting grounds for Boxers and punitive expeditions. Again we are told of enormous monetary indemnities that are to be demanded from China. Where are these indemnities to come from? The Maritime Customs are pledged almost up to the hilt. No loans can be raised on the internal revenue without a reform of the fiscal system under European management. Are the Powers likely to agree upon such a management? We doubt it, but even if they were to agree upon some such control as exists in Turkey, for example, we doubt whether it could be carried out. We make these observations more in the sense of interrogatories than of criticisms. What is necessary in China is in the first place an early settlement, and in the second place a settlement that will endure. To reach these ends we must limit ourselves to demands which are likely to be satisfied-not necessarily to demands of so mild a character as to carry no punitive force with them, but to demands which are not beyond the resources of China to satisfy. I xorbitant terms will either ruin the country as a market or, if they are afterwards modified or withdrawn, will hopelessly compromise European prestige.

The Duke Visit to Australia

THE approaching visit of the Duke of York to Australia is one of the most interesting of the many recent proofs of the solidarity of the Empire. The utilitarian philosopher may well be puzzled to explain why a number of people living at the other side of the globe should be made

happier by the visit of a young man whom most of them have never seen before, and whom possibly few of them may ever see again. It is equally difficult on purely utilitarian grounds to explain the enthusiastic loyalty of the subjects of the Queen in all parts of the world and of every race and colour. But whether it can be explained or not loyalty is a great fact and a great force, and only fools will try to ignore it.

THE GOLDEN PENNY

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The Australians, who are probably as democratic in their ideas as any people on the face of the earth, are not thereby prevented from sharing in the reverence and affection for the Sovereign which is at the root of the spirit of loyalty. Queen Victoria may be only a name to millions of Australians who have never seen the old country, but it is the greatest personal name they know, and it carries with it associations that no other name can give. It stands for the old home of their race; it stands for the kindly laws and free institutions upon which their liberties are built; it stands for the mighty force of a widely scattered Empire that is willing to act as one unit for the defence of any threatened part. Could the Queen herself have visited Australia we can imagine the enthusiastic demonstrations of loyalty that would have marked her progress. Unfortunately, that is impossible. But the Queen's grandson, enjoying for the present a position of greater freedom and less responsibility, is able to go as her Commissioner, to act in her name, and open the first Parliament of the Australian Commonwealth. The occasion is unique. The creation of the Dominion of Canada, which forms the nearest parallel to the creation of the Commonwealth of Australia, was a gradual process, and began at a period when the population of the Colonies affected was comparatively small, and when the issues involved were proportionately reduced. But the Commonwealth of Australia has been created by one act of the people of six great and well-peopled Colonies which have voluntarily agreed to merge part of their individuality in the greater unity of the Commonwealth. A fusion on such a scale and under such conditions of purely voluntary action is without precedent in the world's history. The Australians therefore do well to celebrate the occasion with a ceremonial so dignified that the ceremonies themselves shall live in men's minds as well as the great event which they emphasize.

higher in public esteem for the manliness with Lansdowne which he stands up for his departmental coland the leagues. There has been wild talk about making War Office a clean sweep of all employed at the War Office, down to the very messengers. That has always been John Bull's peculiar habit; when anything goes wrong he first decrees that someone must be executed, and in default of being able to saddle any particular person with blame, finally calls for execution general. In the present instance, his impetuous mind has hurried to the second punitive stage, but Lord Lansdowne's vindication of those who served under him should give the national judgment pause. He and they, having taken over very imperfect and, to some extent, obsolete machinery, loyally endeavoured to get it into better working order for ordinary purposes before going farther. Up to the beginning of the South African war the numerical strength of the Army had been substantially augmented, and it cannot be denied that the War Office had done its work well up to that date. Suddenly, a tremendous and wholly unexpected strain was thrown on the Department, even then sorely taxed by normal responsibilities, and for a time the machinery was thrown largely out of gear. Subsequently, however, it got into thorough working order, as witness the despatch of more than 200,000 troops to a distance of over 6,000 miles, a feat which could not possibly have been performed without that "unstinted devo-

tion" of one and all at the War Office to which Lord

Lansdowne bears testimony. It was the system that went

wrong from the first, not the public servants, who strove to

THE retiring War Secretary will rank all the

Soldiers'

make the best of its imperfections.

SIR REDVERS BULLER is at one with Lord Wolseley in the opinion that the chief defect of the British soldier is inferiority of eyesight. It Eyesight would be good enough, no doubt, for the ordinary purposes of civilian employment, but it is far behind the requirements of long-range

marksmanship. To some extent, therefore, the splendid weapon with which our troops are now armed has less than justice done to its marvellous precision at extreme distances. That is, of course, greatly to be regretted, but remedial measures are not easy to suggest. The more largely our land forces are recruited from urban populations the fewer the number there will be of those accustomed to develop long sight by looking at distant objects. It would be a sheer counsel of perfection, therefore, to accept Boer eyesight as a standard; from the earliest infancy the Transvaalers and Free Staters have been accustomed to the limitless stretches of the veldt, ever on the look out for game. But without attempting to produce equal powers of vision in our town-reared soldiers, a good deal might be done in the way of improvement. In the first place, any recruit whose eyesight is not quite up to the mark, or seems likely to become impaired later on, should be summarily rejected That alone would keep out of the ranks numbers of "special enlistments" who could never become good shots at long ranges. But a still more vital matter is to see that all reading-rooms, barrack-rooms, and other places used by soldiers after nightfall are equipped with bright and absolutely steady lights. There is nothing which works so much harm to eyesight as ineffectual or flickering illumination, and now that the soldier reads a good deal during his leisure hours, he is far more likely to take injury than his illiterate forerunners used to be.

The Ministerial Chan es

BY HENRY W. LUCY

In reconstructing the Ministry Lord Salisbury began self. In a passage in a long-forgotten speech, much come at the time, Mr. Bright insisted on the impossibility "turning his back on himself." Lord Salisbury turned the more familiar aspect of himself when he resigned Foreign Secretary. In that, save the Premiership, the most of Ministerial offices, he made his abiding reputation. T tribute that could be paid to him is found in the commet Continental Press upon the new arrangement. From capitals of Europe come testimony to the confidence and which is held the statesman who has four times been Secretary. That he always worked for peace with home common dictum of critics not effusively friendly to this co-

It must be admitted that the friendly feeling with w Foreign Office affairs is regarded on the Continent is largthe fact that alterations regarded as inevitable did no feared, bring the Colonial Secretary into the place vacated Salisbury. A hundred years ago "Boney" was a name as British nursery to terrify into obedience recalcitrant childs the Continent the name of Mr. Chamberlain is lagin serve a like domestic purpose. At home there was circles usually well-informed, apprehension that he well-informed, over from the Colonial Office to the seat of the Foreign S Abroad, the fame and fear of him filling men's minds, counted a high probability that he would undertake task. Relief from the dread apprehension has operated advantage of Lord Lansdowne. The Tory wing of the Min. Party have been unbridled in their denunciation of Lord Sall choice of his own successor. But some critics have con themselves with the remark that at least Lord Lanselappearance at the Foreign Office precludes the possibility of Mr. Chamberlain's becoming responsible for the working of its distant and delicate machinery.

Lord Lansdowne's transference from the War Office has bands opportunity for promotion of a former colleague. Mr. Brown entered Ministerial life fourteen years ago as Financial Secretary to the War Office. He held the post when, in 1892, the General Election summoned Mr. Gladstone back to power. Though a junior Minister, he was directly instrumental in bringing about the defeat of the Liberal Government, paving the way for a leag lease of power for his political friends. It was he who one night in June, in the Session of 1895, suddenly exploded the confide mine which blew Lord Rosebery's Government out of office. Under Lord Salisbury's new Ministry Mr. Brodrick was promoted to the Under Secretaryship at the War Office, vacating it just two years ago for the more important post of Under Secretary of Fir lan Affairs. For a man of his age and standing in the Hotse of Commons advancement to the headship of one of the graspending Departments, with a seat in the Cabinet, is a long so It is the merited reward of steady industry, conspicuous capacita work, and an ever-improving turn for debate.

Lord Selborne's promotion to the First Lordship of the Admi is justified on similar grounds. He has seen something Ministerial work than his old House of Commons' companion is now Secretary of State for War. When the Ministry was for in 1895 he went to the Colonial Office as Under Secretary. has since represented the Department in the House of I It may be expected that exception will be taken to having the of a great spending Department outside the Commons. the First Lord of the Admiralty must be a member of the He Lords no better or more popular appointment could be made that of the Earl of Selborne.

Some compensation will be found in this particular field of plaint by the re-establishment of the Postmaster-General House of Commons. During the last Parliament, though the master-General was, to begin with, the Duke of Norfolk and Lord Londonderry, Mr. Hanbury most prominently reprethe Department in the House of Commons. Noble lords succe conceal curiosity or interest in the working of the Post Office the Commons these emotions burn with deathless flame. was the occasion when the questions on the paper dicontain two or three inquiries, chiefly of local interest, addit to the Representative of the Post Office. That was Hanbury, who, in addition to the onerous duties of Fine Secretary to the Treasury, an obscure but really important answered in the Commons for the coronetted Postmaster-Ger When the Duke of Norfolk went to the wars it was expected Mr. Hanbury would be made Postmaster-General. The arra ment, a natural and excellent one, was only postponed. Londonderry has gone to more congenial quarters as Preside the Board of Agriculture, and Mr. Hanbury will be Postma General with a seat in the Cabinet.

Mr. Ritchie succeeds Sir M. White Ridley at the Home O an admirable appointment. Wherever he goes he proves to the round peg in the round hole. Mr. T. W. Russell has

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couldered out of the Ministry ostensibly because, "in the circumthe Premier cannot approve his Irish Land Policy. ween them Lord Salisbury and Mr. Russell have been a long the appointment of Mr. Arnold Foster as Parliamentary to the Admiralty. The significance of the appointment Mr. Austen Chamberlain as Financial Secretary to the Treasury the that does not loom large in the newspaper reports. It is, entheless, far away the most important on the level of Underretaryships, and has often proved the portal to the highest

r. Walter Long moves to the Local Government Board from Loard of Agriculture. He leaves behind him the record of a public service rendered in the matter of stamping out rabies. but his personal friends, and those connected with the Board Agriculture, know what patience, resolution and courage were ded in order to maintain the necessary but unpopular muzzling

Mr. Gerald Ballour, aweary of the Irish Office, has migrated to Board of Trade, and Mr. George Wyndham, with characteristic ck, will undertake the difficult and thankless task of governing He has been a brilliant success at the War Office, and is ed with the personal charm of manner that has winning effect ared with the personal charm of manner that has winning effect on an emotionable people. These changes of personnel in high ces are made possible by the retirement from the Ministerial ks of Mr. Goschen, Lord Cross and Mr. Chaplin. This last uses as a surprise, Mr. Chaplin not usually displaying signs of a tring disposition. He will be comforted in his seclusion by the usion of a Cabinet Minister retired from business.

Lord Cross has long practically been out of the running, the post f Lord Privy Seal being so completely a sinecure that no salary is tuched to it. Lord Cross was in these circumstances consoled the fact that he enjoys a Cabinet Minister's pension of 2,000l. a car, which he will carry with him into his retirement. Mr. eing a serious blow to the Government.

The Court

COURT Circles continue very quiet, owing to the family mourning. The Queen is frequently with Princess Christian, who is recovering gradually from the shock of her son's death, but remains very depressed. Several other members of the Royal Family have been at Windsor on short visits to Her Majesty, Princess Louise and the Duke of Argyll spending a day at the Castle, and the Duke of Connaught bringing his two daughters on Sunday to stay till next day. Prince Arthur also came over from Sandhurst to lanch on Sunday, the Queen and Royal party having previously attended Service in the private chapel, where the Vicar of Windsor Majesty presided. The Duke of Devonshire, Lord Lansdowne, Viscount Cross and Sir M. W. Ridley were among the members

Both in town and country the usual honours were paid to the Frince of Wales's birthday. Royal salutes were fired and bells rung, ogs were hung out, and there were a few illuminations in London. lecording to his custom for many years past the Prince spends the anniversary at Sandringham with the Princess and Princess Victoria, the Duke and Duchess of York and their family, and a few intimate triends, including Lord and Lady Londonderry. Letters, gifts, and belegrams poured down upon the Prince, and the little York grandildren are always the earliest to bring their congratulations and mall presents. Dinner to the labourers and the workpeople on the Prince's Norfolk estates is always a feature of the day, the Prince of Princes and the house party always coming in during the meal see how the guests are enjoying themselves. This year 500 men at down to table. Most of the visitors at Sandringham House left Saturday, and next day the Prince and Princess and family tended the morning Service at St. Mary Magdalene, where Canon Hervey preached. Prince George of Greece is still staying at sandringham, and Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark have w arrived, the Princess delighted to be in England once more. The Duke and Duchess of Fife and their two little girls are now ming to complete the family party, having arrived in town from cotland on Saturday.

The Duke of Connaught has gone to Germany to fetch home the beiness, who has just completed her course of treatment for counsaism under Dr. Reyer at Dresden. The Princesses Margaret Patricia will go back with their parents to Ireland when the I de and Duchess return, the whole party then settling down at Royal Hospital, Kilmainham, for the winter.

The arrangements for the Duke and Duchess of York's Australian sit are fast being completed. It is decided that the Duke and achess shall travel in the Orient liner *Ophir*, a splendid boat of 910 tons and 10,000 horse-power, which will be handsomely decorated for the occasion. The British troops forming the Duke d Duchess' guard of honour have already started, after being jected by the Duke of Cambridge, and Melbourne and Sydney to trying which city can draw up the more attractive programme welcome the Royal guests. At one time it was proposed that the Prince Edward of York should accompany his parents, but, highted as the Colonials would be to see the child, it is felt that he is too young for so much excitement and fatigue.

Two of our Princes at the war are on their way home. Captain tince Alexander of Teck is travelling with his comrades in the Lalisport Fort Salisbury, due at Plymouth at the end of the month, Tille Prince Francis escorts the Duchess home in the ordinary that steamer from Cape Town. He is bringing Princess Christian he last messages from her dead son, as he was with Prince bristian Victor in his fatal illness.

The Empress Frederick is so much better that, if the present imto you to the Riviera before Christmas. Probably she will stay at villa built by Sir Edward and Lady Ermyntrude Malet at Cap Ail, near Monte Carlo.

The Tsar has a bad attack of influenza, but his illness, though strious, is not dangerous.

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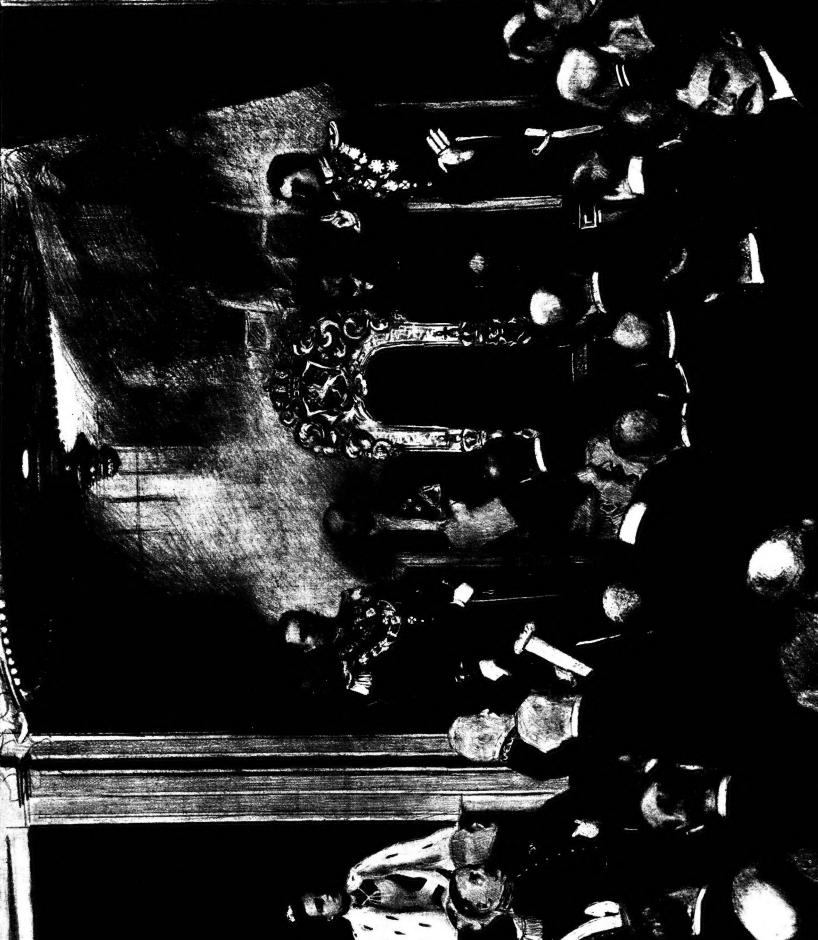
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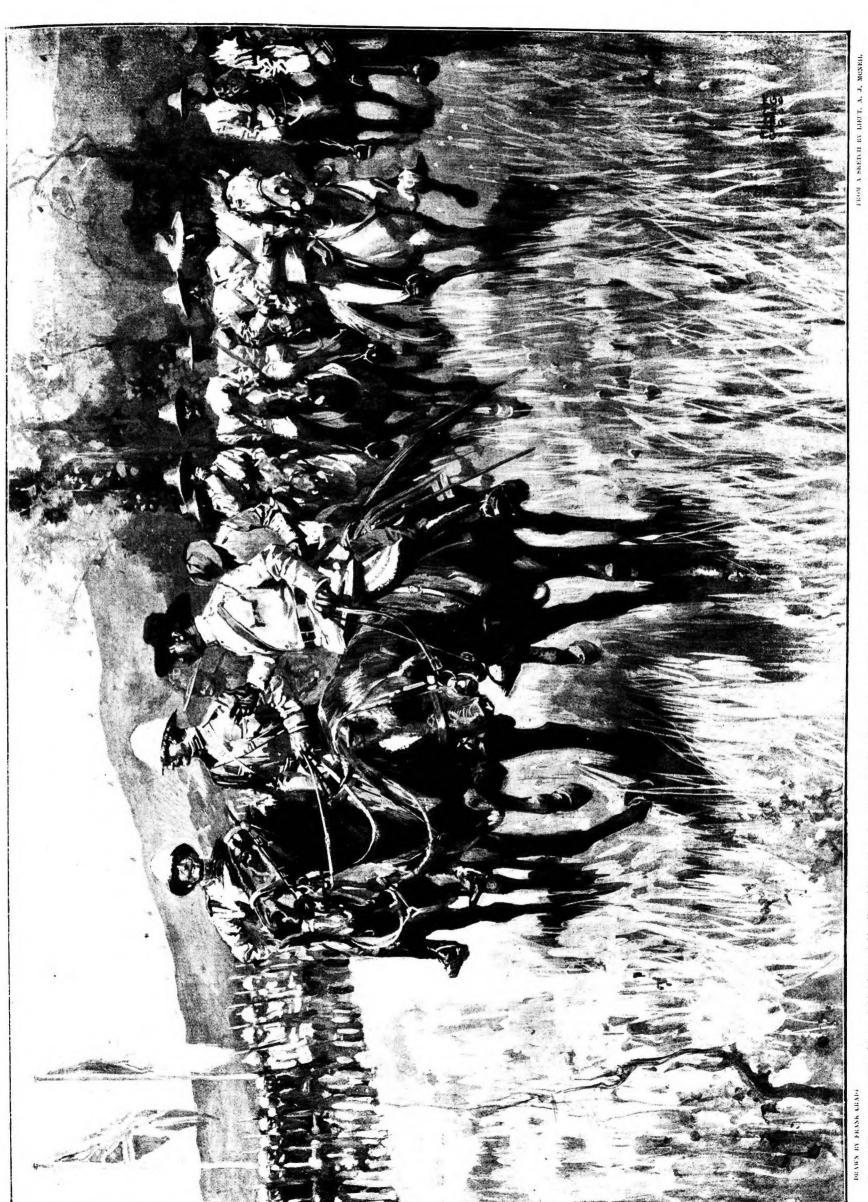
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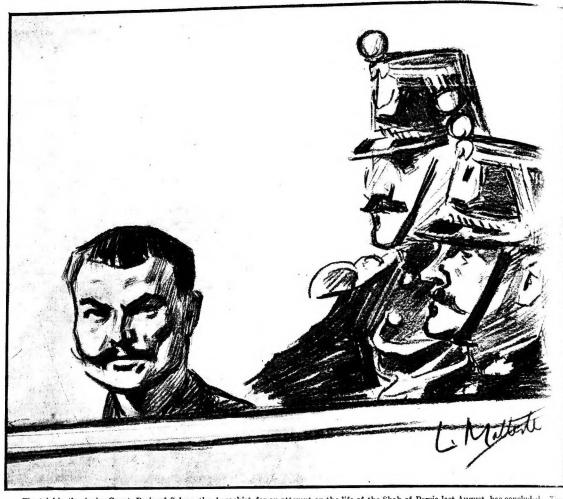
"THE GAY PRETENDERS"

"THE GAY PRETENDERS," by Messrs. Grossmith, Nugent, and Rubens, with which the Globe Theatre reopened on Saturday, was described as a comic opera, although at its first performance the humour was concealed, and the opera is certainly a work of a totally different kind to Gilbert and Sullivan's Patience, the revival of which had been witnessed only three days previously. The fact that Mr. George Grossmith created the principal part in both operas might induce a comparison between the writers of twenty years ago and of the present day, were such a task at all profitable. The Gay Pretenders, in fact, has yet to be worked up by the low comedians, and it will probably be a very different entertainment a few weeks hence to the half-hearted production of last Saturday. With a strong cast of experienced artists, including Mr. Richard Temple as King Henry VII., Mr. George Grossmith, junior (part author of the piece), as the future Henry VIII., Miss Agnes Delaporte as the Duchess of Burgundy, Miss Letty Lind as her sprightly attendant. Miss Jeanne Douste as Lady Katherine Gordon, Mr. Frank Wyatt as a nobleman of the Court, and Mr. John Coates and Mr. George Grossmith, senior, as the two Pretenders, the audience might fairly have expected a good deal more amusement than they were actually accorded. It seems to have been the aim of the author to bring Perkin Warbeck and Lambert Simnel on the stage together as bogus representatives of the young Princes who were supposed to have been smothered by Richard III. in the Tower, but who escaped, and on the stage of the Globe pose in such a manner as to partly realise the celebrated picture of Millais. Nobody in the audience, of course, cared a jot whether violence was thereby done to history; and, in fact, if the original intentions had been carried out, the piece would probably have been played more or less in the burlesque style which was popular in the last generation. But on Saturday nearly everybody took his part in too serious fashion, so that, despite the melodiousness of the rather conventional music, and the excellence of some of the lyrics, the play as it developed became extremely dull. Moreover, some of the artists were obviously nervous, and their feelings were not improved by the conduct of the gallery, who, in the second act, began unmercifully to chaff the piece and the players. The best began uninetrating to claim the piece and the payers. The best features of the performance were the dancing of Miss Letty Lind, who, however, had much too little dancing to do, and the singing of Mr. John Coates, who plays Perkin Warbeck (now depicted as the very serious lover of Lady Katherine Gordon), and who shows how greatly his tenor voice has improved since he last appeared in London. The Gay Pretenders is capitally mounted, some of the dresses, designed by Mr. Percy Anderson, adhering, indeed, rather too closely to historical accuracy, particularly that of the Lady Katherine, for Miss Jeanne Douste, who plays the part, is of too diminutive stature for the lengthy train which the Princess is condemned to wear in the second act.

"PATIENCE" AND ITS AUTHORS

We dealt briefly last week with the revival of Patience. The performance was, in every respect, successful, and although the cast was entirely fresh to the Savoy, the newcomers proved themselves quite as competent as their predecessors. Messrs. Passmore and Lytton, as the æsthetic bogus poets, were indeed most laughterprovoking throughout, and their final dance, in the "Jolly Bank Holiday" scene, elicited a triple encore. We understand that Sir Arthur Sullivan has already practically finished his Irish opera, and he is now devoting his enforced leisure to filling in certain details of the orchestration.

M. Ysaye has returned from Brussels, and on Saturday he re-appeared at Mr. Robert Newman's Orchestral Concerts, giving a magnificent performance of Beethoven's Violin Concerto. In the course of the present week he made his London debut as a conductor. M. Ysaye, when he was a younger man, had considerable experience in orchestral work as a leader of the famous Bilse band of Berlin. He afterwards became a distinguished virtuoso; but he also enjoys, both in Belgium and in other parts of the Continent, a high celebrity as a conductor, especially of French music, to which the greater part of his programme this week



The trial in the Assize Court, Paris, of Salson, the Anarchist, for an attempt on the life of the Shah of Persia last August, has concluded. The prisoner, who admitted having formed a plan to assassinate ex-President Casimir Perier, and to have wished to kill the Shah, was found guilty and sentenced to penal servitude for life. Our illustration is from a sketch in Court by L. Malteste

THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF THE SHAH: THE CULPRIT IN THE DOCK

The Promenade Concert season, which came to an end on Saturday, is understood to have been the most successful that Mr. Newman has hitherto experienced. The report, which is said to be upon good authority, is therefore all the more extraordinary that Mr. Newman has offered the Qucen's Hall band for the Leeds Musical Festival next year. The suggestion is hardly likely to be accepted, for Leeds is extremely, and very justifiably, proud of the orchestra which Sir Arthur Sullivan so long conducted-a band of about 120 of the leading players of this country. No decision has yet been come to in regard to the Leeds conductorship. But a committee will be appointed next month to thoroughly go into the matter.

The Albert Hall season commenced on Thursday last week with Elijah. During the recess the choir has been reinforced and considerably improved, fresh voices taking the places of those who, during the year, had either retired or had died. Indeed, the performance of the "Baal" and other choruses, under the direction of Sir Frederick Bridge, was remarkably fine. The cast, too, was a very good one, it including Mr. Andrew Black, who is now fast becoming the acknowledged successor of Mr. Santley in the music of the Prophet, Madame Ella Russell, Miss Clara Butt, and Mr. Lloyd Chandos.

The Extension of King's College

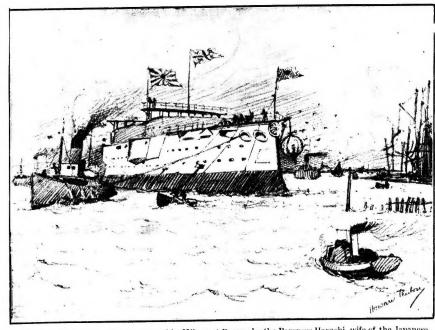
THE new scientific laboratories at King's College, which were opened by Lord Lister last week, are the result of a comprehensive scheme of extension and improvement resolved upon last year, and now practically completed. The biological, architectural, anatomical, and mechanical departments have all benefited by the

new works, while the physiological and bacteriological departments have been reconstructed and enlarged to meet the need for increased accommodation which has been felt for a long time. Many distinguished men have received their training in the old laboratories and lecture-rooms of the College. In the department of bacteriology, King's College was the pioneer in England in providing laboratories, and it continues to hold a unique position in giving systematic technical instruction to medical men, others of health, colonial and foreign practitioners, veterinary surgeons, agriculturists and analysts.

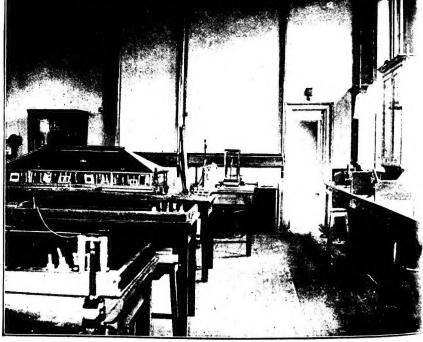
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Since its foundation in 1886, about fifteen hundred students have worked in this laboratory. The list of registered names incl. from all parts of the world, some of whom have been trained with a view to investigating plague, cholera, yelland other tropical diseases. Mr. Chamberlain has recogn public services of the College in this branch of science, by that in selecting candidates for the Colonial Medical Serv ference will be given to qualified medical men who have such bacteriological or similar special training as King provides. The usefulness of the study of bacteriology was illustrated by Lord Lister, in his opening address, when h that a plague scare had been averted in London, only had been possible to show that a case reported to be of I not indeed so, and the kind of investigation which determination possible was such as a bacteriological d alone could conduct. The department now includes research room for advanced students, and a unique bact library of about 1,000 volumes of works of reference. text-books, and pamphlets.

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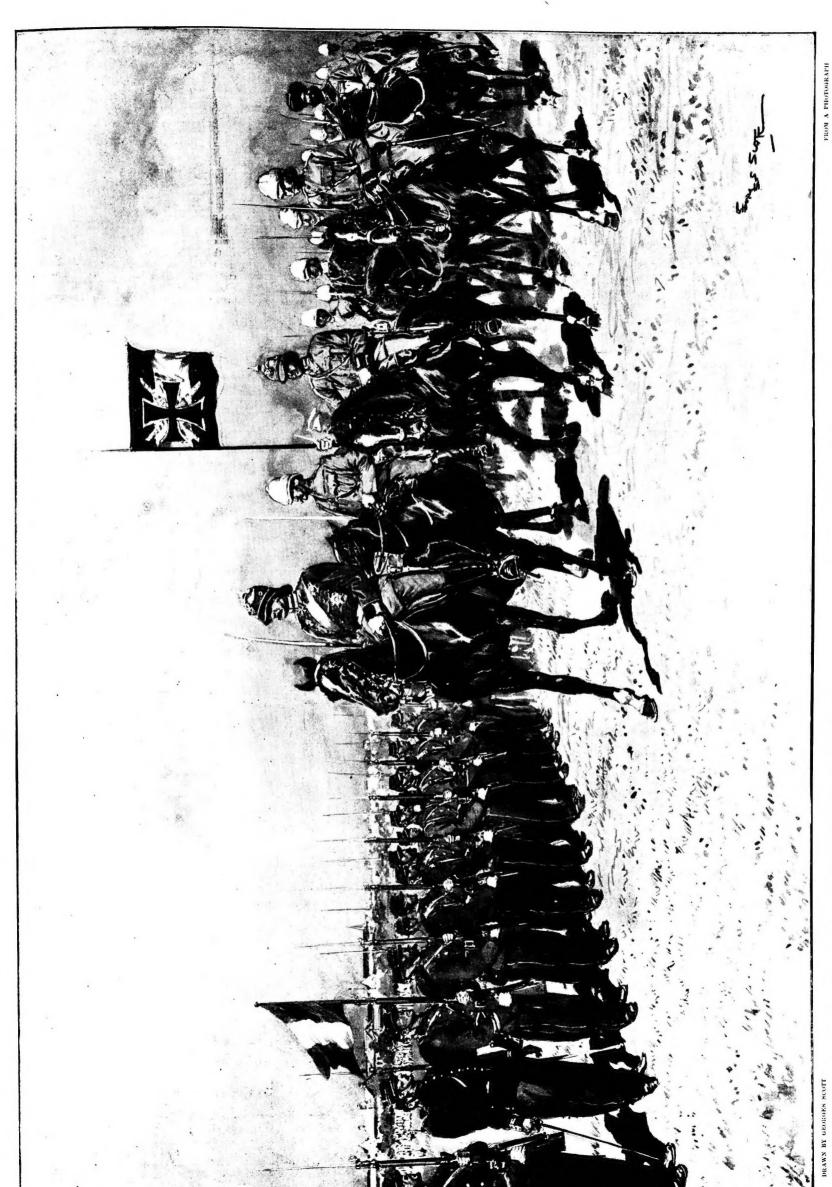
The launch of the new Japanese warship Mikasa at Barrow by the Baroness Hayashi, wife of the Japanese Minister, was a complete success, in spite of bad weather. The great battleship, 8,000 tons launching weight, slid down the ways into the water from Messrs. Vickers, Sons, and Maxim's yard amid loud cheers, the large globe of coloured paper suspended from her bows meantime—according to Japanese custom—opening and liberating a number of pigeons. Speaking at the luncheon which followed, the Japanese Minister remarked that the Mikasa might at some future time be fighting side by side with a British fleet, but he was sure she would never be found in antagonism. Our illustration is from a sketch by Howard Penton



The Bacteriological Department in King's College has been largely reconstructed as the result of a aprehensive scheme of improvement of the teaching accommodation of the College. In this laboratory earch work has been undertaken for the Board of Agriculture and other public bodies

THE NEW LABORATORIES AT KING'S COLLEGE: THE BACTERIOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT

The thunder of the guns of the international squadron at Wusang announced the arrival beneat troops in the French marines, and the Shanghai French Volunters, the German Maister, the German Maister, and the Shanghai French Volunters, the German infantry, and the German infantry, and the German infantry, and the German infantry, and the German infantry and the German infantry.



"Stand by."-CAPTAIN CUTTLE

By I. ASHBY-STERRY

ANOTHER London landmark will before very long, so it is said, disappear-that is the Post Office in St. Martin's-le-Grand. We shall probably miss it because we have known it all our lives, otherwise I do not think it will be difficult to erect a building more convenient and more agreeable from an architectural point of view. Sir Robert Smirke's Ionic design, though possessing a certain amount of dignity, was certainly not a cheerful building, and its harmony was altogether destroyed by the recent additions to the top story. A great deal of room was wasted in the interior by corridors, wide staircases, and a vast central hall; the latter, however, has years ago been absorbed into the general building and utilised. This gloomy building has, however, associations with literature as well as letters. Here Anthony Trollope passed many hard working hours: I am glad to find that people are again recognising what an admirable novelist he was. Here Frank Ives Scudamore laboured, a marvellous organiser and a superb man of business, and yet, perhaps, one of the most polished and versatile writers of vers de société of our time; and here Edmund Yates accomplished three-and-twenty years of unremitting official work, during which he made his position as a novelist and a littérateur.

It was in connection with the last-named author that it came to pass that I knew something of the interior of the Post Office beyond that with which the public is usually acquainted. The first time was when I was present at a lecture delivered by the author of "Broken to Harness" in a large upstairs room, attended by the Post Office employés, and to which only a few outsiders were admitted. The second occasion was when I called upon him with regard to some love verses I had written for Tinsley's Magazine, which he was then conducting. I note, by the way, that Mr. Tinsley in his recently published amusing "Random Recollections," says that had the present writer "lived in the old essaying days of the Spectator, and Rambler his work would have found favour with Addison, Steele, Dr. Johnson and other wits who knew the true art of essay writing in its most pleasing and instructive form." I am very glad to read this. Mr. Tinsley published my first volume and my second. Therefore it may be presumed he is a fair and unbiassed judge of the value of their contents. Being very young, I trembled somewhat at the notion of calling on an editor, especially an editor hedged around with official dignity. However, I was most courteously received, and I have to this moment a perfect mental photograph of the room in which we talked, the costume of my host and the things he had on his table. My call seems to have been tolerably successful, for I received shortly afterwards the following note, written from the Post Office:-" Your verses shall appear in the next number. I hope they will be appreciated in the proper quarter. As a professed funny man would say, 'Don't forget me with the cake and gloves.' The ghost story is not quite what I want. What a blessing it must be to you to think that when ail other trades fail you will be able to earn an honest livelihood by writing the Lord's Prayer within the circumference of a fourpennypiece." This remark was in reference to my minute caligraphy, which I have been trying to enlarge ever since, but have never succeeded in doing so. I fear the verses were not "appreciated in the proper quarter," for I have no recollection of remembering my editor with a wedge of wedding-cake.

Now that the driving of omnibuses has become so lucrative a business, and that shareholders in omnibus companies are receiving such excellent dividends, it would be perhaps not amiss to ask why something more cannot be done by the owners of these vehicles for their patrons. One concession, undoubtedly, should be made at As long as the bus remains at its present dimensions it should never carry more than ten inside. I do not know who it was who first fixed that these vehicles should hold a dozen, but he was probably one who had never ridden inside a full omnibus in his Six very thin people are barely able to sit comfortably on a side, and if one out of the six happens to be fairly stout you are backed so tight that you cannot move. It not infrequently occurs, nowever, that there are five stout people and one thin one on a side.

don't think the fat people mind this much as they generally laugh as if it were an excellent joke, but the thin one, who is unprovided with protection against pressure, has very reasonable grounds of complaint. I understand there is a new and improved 'bus now running, but I have not yet been able to meet with it. Possibly I may find that in the newcomer the evil I allude to has been altogether remedied.

Rival conveyances do not seem inclined to dispute the annexation of Shepherd's Bush by the "Twopenny Tube." At one time there was an admirable service of red omnibuses running between Charing Cross and the Victoria Tavern. These were well patronised, therefore it is difficult to say why they were discontinued. There is no direct service between these two points now. Up to quite recently you could travel without changing from Charing Cross to Uxbridge Road, close to the terminus of the "Tube," by the District Railway. Now they make you change at Earl's Court, where you sometimes have to wait half an hour. Seeing the Tube - which accomplishes the distance in less time than the trains alluded to used to do-is easily and quickly reached from Charing Cross in a penny bus, it is difficult to understand why the vexatious alterations alluded to have been made. Under the circumstances it 15 by no means hard to account for the popularity of the "Tube."

"Place aux Pames"

BY LADY VIOLET GREVILLE

THE poetic gift has not reached a high development among aristocratic women. The present Lady Mayoress writes verse. Lady Currie is well known under her nom de guerre of "Violet Fane," and Lady Lindsay is one of the brightest examples of the Pane," and Lady Lindsay is one of the brightest examples of the poetic art. The sale of her poem, "For England," very frequently recited, brought in 220l. for the Soldiers and Sailors' Families Association; and another, "Down the Ward," produced a sum of 80l. for the Red Cross Society. She has just brought out a new volume of poems in which her was emissive if and processing which her was emission of the poems. volume of poems, in which her pre-eminent gifts of gracefulness and melody are free displayed.

The Parisians, at least the best dressed and most distinguice women, have reverted to simplicity of style in their dress, if not in their materials, of which the principal, chiffon, lace, fur and gold passementeric are, naturally, very expensive, but the make of the gowns is simplicity itself. Tight plain skirts, no paniers or loopings with which we were threatened, and the inevitable lolero is the favourite style of the *élégante*. On this plainly cut costume she showers cascades of lace jabots, fur, and gold. Her toques are spring-like, no dingy, heavy winter hats for her. Her thoughts are gay, winter is only the passage to summer, and roses, violets and camellias blossom on her headgear. Perhaps a touch of fur gives just the warm note necessary, otherwise the whole structure is light, diaphanous, airy in the extreme. No smart woman catches a cold in her head, or if she does she disdains to confess it. Besides her favourite black, to which the Frenchwoman is ever faithful, she loves the dainty, delicate, pale colours, the colours that make a woman look young and attractive, the pale greys, the soft blues the colour of periwinkles, the tans, and, above all, the cream white cloths which convey a striking effect of purity and grace.

principally because, being "of French descent, his irreproachable." Even our Ambassadors have in m promised but slight qualifications as linguists. Surnational disgrace, a deplorable mistake, when even more of the Swiss waiter come over to learn English in order their chances of getting on in the world. Our system languages is entirely at fault. A year or two in the which colloquial French is completely neglected. scholastic French, which means a mere stumbling it essays and a smattering of grammar, is all the educanecessary for a statesman. To be a good French scholar one should reside in the country for some get thoroughly steeped in the spirit of the language. better qualifications, but mothers could do much for the matter of foreign travel, foreign holidays, and reside teachers during their school years. One of the great men suffer under as consuls, officials, soldiers, and even is their incapacity to speak fluently and thoroughly to any foreign language. The mere fact of being a general content of the speak fluently and thoroughly to any foreign language. enlarges a man's mind, and puts him in sympathy w races. Words spoken through the medium of a foreign have not at all the same weight.

Those who desire lovely fragrant flowers during the wi should get them direct from the flower farms at Wisle latter have arranged to send out small boxes at moder. private customers. Flowers are so essential a part of woman's home that even expense does not deter most buying them; but shops only too frequently sell blooms w lost their practical freshness and been some time gatheres. the produce of the flower farm is sent out in beautiful con-

Women have at last asserted themselves as inventors. French writer, and the patents they have developed an especially original. Women as patentees only began to



Mr. Bryan, the defeated Democratic candidate for the American Presidency, met with a tremendous reception from his supporters in New 5 during the electoral campaign. "There was a great pandemonium on his arrival," writes a New York correspondent, "fireworks, bands, and gen illuminations. Mr. Bryan was seconted by mounted police, and in some parts men bearing torches lined the route, while the Stars and Strawayed everywhere. The candidate addressed several meetings in different parts of New York the same night, but the biggest affair was Madison Square Gardens, where there was a packed and enthusiastic gathering." Our illustration shows Mr. Bryan passing the Dewey Arch

THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN IN THE UNITED STATES: MR. BRYAN'S ENTRY INTO NEW YORK

FROM A SKETCH BY A. HENRY FULLWOOD

Three-quarter semi-fitting coats, some of them cut Empire shape, all with their costly adjuncts of fur and lace, suit a slight, tall figure to perfection; for carriage wraps and evening wear the long cloaks satin, velvet, and brocade are made in every description of style, and richly trimmed; while the short bolero remains the dear companion of the active walker and the most chic of women. It is so snug, so convenient, so endearing; it is always at hand, always suitable, always closely enveloping with the tender touch of a friend about it, and the humility of the constant admirer. It suits the little music mistress trotting off to give her lessons, as well as it does the languid lady lolling back in her warm, scented coupé. It is human almost in its welcome embrace.

Hairdressers are trying to bring in a low coiffure, but up to the present they can scarcely be said to have succeeded. Englishwomen are like sheep; they all follow in one blind and steady stream the example of some leader of fashion or some noted actress. One sees the most grotesque head-dresses at the theatre sometimes, where it is evident that the attempt has been made to copy a style considered fashionable. Let me beg my readers to judge for themselves in the matter, to study their own physiognomy a little more, neither to crimp straight and glossy tresses, nor to smooth out rebellious curls, to be more as nature made them, and adopt their coiffure to the shape and expression of their faces. To cultivate an individuality, even a plain and homely one, is far more satisfactory than to pose as the feeble, washed-out, inferior copy of some famous beauty.

What a curious satire on our expensive boys' education is Lord Salisbury's naive confession that he retained the Foreign Office for some time solely because no other Cabinet Minister could speak decent French, and that he appointed Lord Lansdowne to the post in America-that go-ahead country-about 1860, but sit their number and progress has been steadily increasing. have principally turned their attention, as might be expechildren's playthings, articles of dress and furniture, games hold utensils, gardening implements, etc. One lady made. by a glove buttonhook, another with a stay-busk. Severaly were taken out by Frenchwomen last year in six months.

"A Dream of Fair Comen

MR. SCHMALZ's exhibition at the Fine Art Society is Street makes no claim, in spite of its title, to illustrate To These pictures of beautiful ladies, who are indeed "Sweet buds in spring," all of them dreams-"but no two dreams are not of Rosamond and her fair sisters of the poem, but heads of many types and of several countries. Mr. 11 Schmalz has produced a veritable gardenful of flowers of femi -Mignon and Daphne, Vashti and Belinda, Marjorie and I Ninon and Clarissa, Héloïse and Iphigenia, Grace and Pamel more than a score of other ladies with names as charming faces, half of whom, to a susceptible painter, must have Scylle, and the other half Charybdes. The exhibition seems recalls the beauty shows of twenty years ago, only more delicmore pleasing and satisfying in this, that the spectator in and admire the types at his ease without doing himself the of staring living ladies in the face. There will be many to very exhibition, many to claim perpetual companionship with more of them, and not a few to wonder however Mr. Schmai so lucky to find two score of such pretty gir's to sit to him.

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"Men appeared upon the bank, calling to know who dared to more the boats without leave

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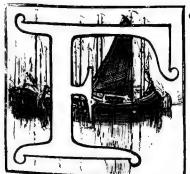
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A TALE OF THE DUTCH

By H. RIDER HAGGARD. Illustrated by G. P. JACOMB-HOOD, R.I.

CHAPTER XIV.

SWORD SILENCE RECEIVES THE SECRET



OR half an hour or more they glided down the canal unmolested and in silence. Now it ran into a broader water-way along which they slid towards the sea, keeping as much as possible under the shadow of a bank, for although the night was moonless a faint grey light lay upon the surface of the stream. At length Foy became

ware that they were bumping against the sides of a long line of ages and river boats laden with timber and other goods. To one these—it was the fourth—the pilot Hans made fast, tying their was to her stern. Then he climbed to the deck, whispering to

As they scrambled on board, two grey figures arose and Foy saw the flash of steel. Then Hans whistled like a plover, and dropping their swords they came to him and fell into talk. Presently Hans left them, and, returning to Foy and Martin, said:

"Listen: we must lie here a while, for the wind is against us, and it would be too dangerous for us to try to row or pole so big a boat down to the sea and across the bar in the darkness, for most likely we should set her fast upon a shoal. Before dawn it will turn, and, if I read the sky aright, blow hard off land."

"What have the bargemen to say?" asked Foy.

"Only that for these four days they have been lying here forbidden to move, and that their craft are to be searched to-morrow by a party of soldiers, and the cargo taken out of them piecemeal."

"So," said Foy, "well, I hope that by then what they seek will be far away. Now show us this ship."

Then Hans took them down the hatchway, for the little vessel was

be far away. Now show us this ship.

Then Hans took them down the hatchway, for the little vessel was decked, being in shape and size not unlike a modern Norfolk herring-boat, though somewhat more slightly built. Then having lit a lantern, he showed them the cargo. On the top were bags of salt. Dragging one or two of these aside, Hans uncovered the heads of five barrels, each of them marked with the initial B is a bifurcial to the control of the salt.

"That is what men will die for before co-morrow night," he said.

"The treasure?" asked Foy.

He nodded. "These five, none of the others." Then still

lower down he showed other barrels, eight of them, filled with the lower down he showed other barrels, eight of them, filed with the best gunpowder, and showed them too where the slow matches ran to the little cabin, the cook's galley, the tiller and the prow, by means of any one of which it could be fired. After this and such inspection of the ropes and sails as the light would allow, they sat in the cabin waiting till the wind should change, while the two watchmen unmoored the vessel and made her sails ready for hoisting. An hour passed, and still the wind blew from the sea, but in uncertain chonning gusts. Then it fell altorether. uncertain chopping gusts. Then it fell altogether.

Pray God it comes soon," said Martin, " for the owner of that

"Pray God it comes soon," said Martin, "for the owner of that finger in your pocket will have laid the hounds on to our slot long ago, and, look, the east grows red."

The silent, hard-faced Hans leant forward and stued up the darkling water, his hand behind his ear.

"I hear them," he said presently.

"Who?" asked Foy.

"The Spaniards and the wind—both," he answered—"Come, up with the mainsail and pole her out to mid-stream."

So the three of them took hold of the tackle and run aft with it, while the rings and booms creaked and rattled as the great cany.

while the rings and booms creaked and rattled as the great canves of induct the mast. Presently it was set, and after it the jib. Then, with the mast. Presently it was set, and after it the jib. Then, assisted by the two watchmen, thrusting from another of the boats, they pushed the Swallow from her place in the line out into midstream. But all this made noise and took time, and now mer appeared upon the bank, calling to know who dared to more the

boats without leave. As no one gave them any answer, they fired a shot, and presently a fire began to burn upon a neighbouring

"Bad business," said Hans, shrugging his shoulders. "They are warning the Government ship at the harbour mouth. Duck, masters, duck; here comes the wind," and he sprang to the tiller as the boom swung over and the little vessel began to gather way. "Yes," said Martin, "and here with it come the Spaniards."

Foy looked. Through the grey mist that was growing lighter every moment, for the dawn was breaking, he caught sight of a long boat with her canvas spread which was sweeping round the bend of the stream towards them and not much more than a quarter of a mile away.

They have had to pole down stream in the dark, and that is why they have been so long in coming," said Hans over his shoulder.
"Well, they are here now at any rate," answered Foy, "and plenty of them," he added, as a shout from well-nigh a score of

throats told them that they were discovered.

By now the Swallow had begun to fly, making the water hiss

upon either side of her bows.

"How far is it to the sea?" asked Foy.

"About three miles," Hans called back from the tiller. "With this wind we should be there in fifteen minutes. Master," he Master," he

"What for?" asked Foy—"to cook breakfast?"

The pilot shrugged his shoulders and muttered "Ves, if we live to eat it." But Foy saw that he was glancing at the slow-match by his side, and understood.

Ten minutes passed, and they had swept round the last bend

and were in the stretch of open water which ran down to the sea. By now the light was strong, and in it they saw that the signal fire had not been lit in vain. At the mouth of the cutting, just where the bar began, the channel was narrowed in with earth to a width of not want they offer was and as a local of it to be a width of not want they offer was and as a local of it to be a width of not want they offer was and as a local of it to be a width of not want they offer was and as a local of it to be a width of not want they offer was and as a local of it. width of not more than fifty paces, and on one bank of it stood a fort armed with culverins. Out of the little harbour of this fort a large open boat was being poled, and in it a dozen or fifteen soldiers were hastily arming themselves.
"What now?" cried Martin. "They are going to stop the mouth of the channel."

The hard-featured Hans set his teeth and made no answer. Only he look backward at his pursuers and onward at those who barred the way. Presently he called aloud:
"Under hatches, both of you. They are going to fire from the fort," and he flung himself upon his back, steering with his uplifted

Poy and Martin tumbled down the hatchway, for they could do no good on deck. Only Foy kept one eye above its level. "Look out!" he said, and ducked.

As he spoke there was a puff of white smoke from the fort, followed by the scream of a shot which passed ahead of them. Then came another puff of smoke, and a hole appeared in their brown sail. After this the fort did not fire again, for the gunners found no time to load their pieces, only some soldiers who were armed with arquebuses began to shoot as the boat swept past within a few yards of them.

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Heedless of their bullets, Hans the pilot rose to his feet again, for such work as was before him could not be done by a man lying on his back. By now the large open boat from the fort was within two hundred yards of them, and, driven by the gathering gale, the Swallow rushed towards it with the speed of a dart. Foy and Martin crawled from the hatchway and lay down near the steersman lates the before the little laberates, watching the negroy's boat. Martin crawled from the hatchway and by down hear the steersman under the shelter of the little bulwarks, watching the enemy's boat, which was in mid-stream just where the channel was narrowest, and on the hither side of the broken water of the bar.

"See," said Foy, "they are throwing out anchors fore and aft. Is there room to go past them?"

"No," answered Hans; "the water is too shallow under the

bank, and they know it. Bring me a burning brand."

Foy crept forward, and returned with the fire.

"Now light the slow-match, master."

Foy opened his blue eyes and a cold shiver went down his back, hen he set his teeth and obeyed. Martin looked at Hans, muttering

"Good for a young one!"

Hans nodded and said, "Have no fear. Till that match burns to the level of the deck we are safe. Now, mates, hold fast. I can't go past that boat, so I am going through her. We may sink can't go past that boat, so I am going through her. We may sink on the other side, though I am sure that the fire will reach the powder first. In that case you can swim for it if you like, but I shall go with the Swallow."

"I will think about it when the time comes. Oh! that cursed astronomer," growled Martin, looking back at the pursuing ship, which was not more than seven or eight hundred yards away.

Meanwhile the officer in command of the boat, who was armed the strength of the part being sail and sure

with a musket, was shouting to them to pull down their sail and sur-render; indeed, not until they were within fifty yards of him did he seem to understand their desperate purpose. Then someone in the boat called out:

"The devils are going to sink us," and there was a rush fore and aft to get up the anchors. Only the officer stood firm, screaming at them like a madman. It was too late; a strong gust of wind caught the Swallow, causing her to heel over and sweep down on the boat like a swooping falcon.

Hans stood and shifted the tiller ever so little, calculating all things with his eye. Foy watched the boat towards which they sprang like a thing alive, and Martin, lying at his side, watched the

Suddenly the Spanish officer, when their prow was not more than twenty paces from him, ceased to shout, and lifting his piece fired it. Martin, looking upwards with his left eye, thought that he saw Hans flinch, but the pilot made no sound. Only he did something to the tiller, putting all his strength on to it, and it seemed to the pair of them as though the Swallow was for an instant checked in her flight—certainly her prow appeared to lift itself from the water. Then suddenly there was a sound of something snapping—a sound that said he heard was though the veil of torror from the soldiers. that could be heard even through the yell of terror from the soldiers in the boat. It was the bowsprit which had gone, leaving the jib flying loose like a great pennon.

Then came the crash. Foy shut his eyes for a moment, hanging on with both hands till the scraping and the trembling were done with. Now he opened them again, and the first thing he saw was

the body of the Spanish officer hanging from the jagged stump of the bowsprit. He looked behind. The boat had vanished, but in the water were to be seen the heads of three or four men swimming. As for themselves they seemed to be clear and unhurt, except for the loss of their bowsprit; indeed, the little vessel was

except for the loss of their bowsprit; indeed, the little vessel was riding over the seas on the bar like any swan. Hans glanced at the slow-match which was smouldering away perilously near to the deck, whereon Martin stamped upon it saying:

"If we sink now it will be in deep water, so there is no need to fly up before we go down."

"Go and see if she leaks," said Hans.

They went and searched the forehold, but could not find that the Swallow had taken any harm worth noting. Indeed, her massive oaken prow, with the weight of the gale-driven ship behind it, had crashed through the frail sides of the open Spanish boat like a knife through an egg.

"That was good steering," said Foy to Hans, when they returned, "and nothing seems to be amiss."

Hans nodded. "I hit him neatly," he muttered. "Look. He's rians nodded. "I nit min neatly," ne muttered. "Look. He's gone." As he spoke the *Swallow* gave a sharp pitch, and the corpse of the Spaniard fell with a heavy splash into the sea. "I am glad it has sunk," said Foy; "and now let's have some breakfast, for I am starving. Shall I bring you some, friend Hans?"

Hans?

"No, master, I want to sleep."

Something in the tone of the man's voice caused Foy to scrutinise his face. His lips were turning blue. He glanced at his hands. Although they still grasped the tiller tightly, these also were turning blue, as though with cold; moreover, blood was dropping on the deck.

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"You are hit," he said. "Martin, Martin, Hans is hit!"

"Yes," replied the man, "he hit me and I hit him, and perhaps presently we shall be talking it over together. No, don't trouble, it is through the body and mortal. Well, I expected nothing less, so I can't complain. Now, listen, while my strength holds. Can you lay a course for Harwich in England?"

Martin and Foy shook their heads. Like most Hollanders they were good sailormen, but they only knew their own coasts.

"Then you had best not try it," said Hans, "for there is a gale brewing, and you will be driven on the Goodwin Sands, or somewhere down that shore, and drowned and the treasure lost. Run up to the Haarlemer Meer, comrades. You can hug the land with this small boat, while that big devil after you," and he nodded towards the pursuing vessel, which by now was crossing the bar, "must stand the pursuing vessel, which by now was crossing the bar, "must stand further out beyond the shoals. Then slip up through the small gut—the ruined farmstead marks it—and so into the meer. You know —the ruined farmstead marks it—and so into the meer. You know Mother Martha, the mad woman who is nicknamed the Mare? She will be watching at the mouth of it; she always is. Moreover, I caused her to be warned that we might pass her way, and if you hoist the white flag with a red cross—it lies in the locker—or, after nightfall, hang out four lamps upon your starboard side, she will come aboard to pilot you, for she knows this boat well. To her also you can tell your business without fear, for she will help you in it, and be secret as the dead. Then sink it, or blow it up, or bury the treasure, or do what you can, but, in the name of God, to whom I go, I charge you do not let it fall into the hands of Ramiro and his Spanish rats who are at your heels."

As Hans spoke he sank down upon the deck. Foy ran to support him, but he pushed him aside with a feeble hand. "Let me be," he whispered. "I wish to pray. I have set you the course. Follow it to the end."

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Then Martin took the tiller while Foy watched Hans. In ten minutes he was dead.

Now they were running northwards with a fierce wind abeam of Now they were running northwards with a fierce wind abeam of them, and the larger Spanish ship behind, but standing further out to sea to avoid the banks. Half an hour later the wind, which was gathering to a gale, shifted several points to the north, so that they must beat up against it under reefed canvas. Still they held on without accident, Foy attending to the sail and Martin steering. The Swallow was a good sea-boat, and if their progress was slow so was that of their pursuer, which dogged them continually, sometimes a mile away and sometimes less. At length, towards evening, they caught sight of a ruined house that marked the channel of the little gut, one of the outlets of the Haarlem Meer.

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"Even so we must try it, master," answered Martin. "Perhaps
she will scrape through," and he put the Swallow about and ran for the mouth of the gut.

Here the waves were mountainous, and much water came aboard. Moreover, three times they bumped upon the bar, till at Moreover, three times they bumped upon the bar, till at length, to their joy, they found themselves in the calm stream of the gut, and, by shifting the sail, were able to draw up it, though

very slowly.

"At least we have got a start of them," said Foy, "for they can

never get across until the tide rises."
"We shall need it all," answered Martin; "so now hoist the white flag and let us eat while we may."

While they are the sun sank, and the wind blew so that scarcely could they make a knot an hour, shift the sail as they might. Then, as there was no sign of Mother Martha, or any other pilot, they hung out the four lamps upon the starboard side, and, with a flapping sail, drifted on gradually, till at length they reached the mouth of the great mere, an infinite waste of waters—deep in some places, shallow in others, and spotted everywhere with islets.

places, shallow in others, and spotted everywhere with islets. Now the wind turned against them altogether, and, the darkness closing in, they were forced to drop anchor, fearing lest otherwise they should go ashore. One comfort they had, however, as yet nothing could be seen of their pursuers.

Then, for the first time, their spirits failed them somewhat, and they stood together near the stern wondering what they should do. It was while they rested thus that suddenly a figure appeared before them as though it had risen from the deck of the ship. No sound of cars or fartstows had reached their ear, not they not like the stern with the cars, but they rest they had reached their ear, not they not like they not like they are sound of oars or footsteps had reached their ears, yet there, outlined against the dim sky, was the figure,
"I think that friend Hans has come to life again," said Martin

with a slight quaver in his voice, for Martin was terribly afraid of ghosts.
"And I think that a Spaniard has found us," said Foy, drawing

his knife.

Then a hoarse voice spoke, saying, "Who are you that signal for a pilot on my waters?"

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"The question is—who are you?" answered Foy, a good as to tell us quickly."

"I am the pilot," said the voice, "and this beher and her signals should be the Nevalleto of The II must I crawl aboard of her across the corpse of a decrease to Come into the cabin, pilot, and we will tell you."

"Very well, Mynheer." So Foy led the way and Martin stopped behind awhile.

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"We have found our guide, so what is the use of said to himself as he extinguished them all, ex brought with him into the cabin. Foy was waitin door and they entered the place together. At ti-light of the lamp showed them a strange figure, cl shapeless and sack-like that it was impossible to so form beneath were male or female. The figure was to about the brow locks of grizzled hair hung in tuits, which were set a pair of wandering grey eyes, was debrown by exposure, scarred, and very ugly, with will

more than the state of the stat

"Little need to tell us that, mother," said Foy, we true that many years have gone by since I set eyes on y. Martha smiled grimly as she answered, "Yes, many what have you fat Leyden bugghers to do with a plag, except of course in times of trouble? Not that I for it is not well that you, or your parents either, slet to traffic with such as I. Now, what is your business the signals show that you have business, and why does thendrik Brant's foster-brother lie there in the stern?"

"Because, to be plain, we have Hendrik Brant's

"Because, to be plain, we have Hendrik Brand, mother, and for the rest look yonder—" what his eye had just caught sight of two or thread faint light, too low and too red for a star, that could be a lantern hung at the masthead of a ship.

Martha nodded. "Spaniards after you, poling the against the wind. Come on, there is no time to lose.

boat round, and we will tow the Swallow to where sto-night."

Five minutes later they were all three of them 1 a . oar-boat in which they had escaped from The Hague unknown point in the darkness, slowly dragging tittle ship Swallow. As they went, Foy told Martin of their minimum and property of their of their mission and escape.

"I have heard of this treasure before," she

Netherlands has heard of Brant's hoard. Also dead H is a me know that perhaps it might come this way, for it is he thought that I could be trusted," and she smiled grindy. "A is now what would you do?"

"Fulfil our orders," said Foy. "Hide it if we will also destroy it."

"Better the first than the last," interrupted Martin.

"Better the first than the last," interrupted Martin. old treasure, say I, and destroy the Spaniards, if M that M is here can think of a plan."

"We might sink the ship," suggested Foy.

"And leave her mast for a beacon," added Martin substitute. "Or put the stuff into the boat and sink that."

"And never find it again in this great sea," objected M is All this while Martha steered the boat as calmly as the daylight. They had left the open water, and were passing stand out among islets, yet she never seemed to be doubtful or and out among the first the Swallow behind them take the transitive whereon Martha led the way aboard of her and the second

At length they felt the Swallow behind them take the towhereon Martha led the way aboard of her and the sanchor, saying that here was her berth for the night.

"Now," she said, "bring up this gold and lay it in the if you would save it there is much to do before dawn.

So Foy and Martin went down while Martha, hundle hatchway, held the lighted lamp above them, since thake it near the powder. Moving the bags of salt, so to the five barrels of treasure marked B, and, strong were, it was no easy task for the pair of them by the help to the five barrels of treasure marked B, and, streng were, it was no easy task for the pair of them by the help to sling them over the ship's side into the boat. At done, and the place of the barrels having been filled will they took two iron spades which had been provided for as this, and started. Martha steering as before. For more they rowed in and out among endless islands, shores of which Martha stared as they passed, till motioned to them to ship their oars, and they touched give Leaping from the boat she made it fast and vanishereds to reconnoitre. Presently she returned again, say was the place. Then began the heavy labour of rolling treasure for thirty yards or more along otter paths that

treasure for thirty yards or more along otter paths that dense growth of reeds,

Now, having first carefully cut out reed sods in a y by Martha, Foy and Martin set to their task of dissolated by the light of the stars. Hard indeed they to had it not been for the softness of the marshy soil, they come the stars of the grayer that we got done while the night lasted, for the grave that we those barrels must be both wide and deep. After three had been removed, they came to the level of the lake. Still at last it was done, and the five barrels standing so in the water were covered up with soil and roughly to in the water were covered up with soil and roughly 1 with the reed turf.

'Let us be going," said Martha. "There is no ti-So they straightened their backs and wiped the swi

"There is earth lying about, which may tell its

Martin.

"Yes," she replied, "if any see it within the next to which in this damp place the mosses will have hidden in "Well, we have done our best," said Foy, as he mud-stained boots in the water, "and now the stuff in

Then once more they entered the boat and rowed aw

wearily, Martha steering them.

On they went, and on till Foy, tired out, nearly his oar. Suddenly Martha tapped him on the should be should be supposed by the supposed by th mast showing dimly against the sky, was the vessel that ha them from The Hague, a single lantern burning on its stern. In the looked and grunted; then she leant forward and whispered them imperiously.

"It is madness," gasped Martin.
"Do as I bid you," she hissed, Do as I bid you," she hissed, and they let the boat drift with the wind till it came to a little island within thirty yards of the the wind fill it came to a fixete island within thirty yards of the methored vessel, an island with a willow tree growing upon its shore. "Hold to the twigs of the tree," she muttered, "and wait till I come again." Not knowing what else to do, they obeyed.

Then Martha rose, and they saw that she had slipped off her

Then Marina rose, and they saw that she had supped off her garment of skins, and stood before them, a gaunt white figure armed with a gleaming knife. Next she put the knife to her mouth, and, ipping it between her teeth, slid into the water silently as a diving and. A minute passed, not more, and they saw that something was

imbing up the cable of the ship.

"What is she going to do?" whispered Foy.

"God in Heaven knows," answered Martin, "but if she does not come back good-bye to Heer Brant's treasure, for she alone can

id it again."
They waited, holding their breaths, till presently a curious They waited, notding their breaths, till presently a curious sking sound floated to them, and the lantern on the ship vanished. Two minutes later a hand with a knife in it appeared over the gunwale of the boat, followed by a grey head. Martin put out his ganware of the boat, followed by a grey nead. Martin put out his great arm and lifted, and, lo? the white form slid down between them like a big salmon turned out of a net.

"Put about and row," it gasped, and they obeyed while the Mare clothed herself again in her skin garment.

What have you done?" asked Foy.

Something," she replied with a fierce chuckle. "I have stabbed to watchman—he thought I was a ghost, and was too frightened call out. I have cut the cable, and I think that I have fired the the watchman

call out. I have cut the cable, and I think that I have.

Ah! look! but row—row round the corner of the island."

They gave way, and as they turned behind the bank of reeds glanced to gave a tall tongue of fire shooting up the cordage chind them, to see a tall tongue of fire shooting up the cordage of the ship, and to hear a babel of frightened and angry voices. For minutes later they were on board the *Swallow*, and from her deck watching the fierce flare of the

burning Spanish vessel nearly a mile away. Here they are and drank, for they needed food badly.

"What shall we do now?" asked Foy when they

had finished. "Nothing at present," answered Martha, "but

o'Nothing at present, answered Martina, "but give me pen and paper,"

They found them, and having shrouded the little window of the cabin, she sat at the table and very slowly but with much skill drew a plan, or rather a picture, of this portion of the Haarlemer Meer. In that plan were marked many islands according to their natural shapes, twenty of them the plan were marked many islands according to their natural shapes, twenty of them

Perhaps, and upon one of these she set a small cross. "Take it and hide it," said Martha, when it was finished, "so that if I die you may know where to dig for Brant's gold. With this in your hand you cannot fail to find it, for I draw well. Remember that it lies thirty paces due south of the only spot where it is

casy to land upon that island."
"What shall I do with this picture which is worth so much?" said Foy helplessly, "for in truth I fear

to keep the thing.

"Give it to me, master," said Martin; "the secret of the treasure may as well lie with the legacy that is charged on it." Then once more he unscrewed the Then once more he unscrewed the handle of the sword Silence, and having folded up the paper and wrapped it round with a piece of linen, he thrust it away into the hollow hilt.

"Now that sword is worth more than some people ight think," Martin said as he restored it to the abbard, "but I hope that those who come to seek is secret may have to travel up its blade. Well, shall

we be moving?"

"Listen," said Martha. "Would you two mendare a great deed upon those Spaniards? Their ship is burnt, but there are a score or over of them, and they have two large boats. Now at the dawn they will see the mast of this vessel and attack it in the boats thinking to find the treasure. Well, if as they win aboard we can manage to fire the statches—"

"There may be fewer Spaniards left to plague us,"

"And believing it to be blown up no one will trouble about that money further," added Martin. "Oh! the plan is good, but dangerous. Come, let us talk it over."

The dawn broke in a flood of yellow light on the state of the Haarlemer Meer. Presently from the state of the Spanish vessel, which was still using sullenly, came a sound of beating oars. Now three watchers in the Swallow saw two boatloads Three watchers in the Swallow saw two boatloads armed men, one of them with a small sail set, we ging down towards them. When they were within a hundred yards Martha muttered, "It is in." and Foy ran hither and thither with a rate firing the slow matches; also to make sure he stated so for canvas that lay ready at the bottom of the stated way. Then with the others, without the natchway. Then with the others, without the Spaniards being able to see them, he slipped over the side of the little vessel into the shallow water that was clothed with tall reeds, and waded through it to the island. Once on firm land, they ran a hundred the island. the island. Once on firm land, they ran a hundred yards or so till they reached a clump of swamp willows, and took shelter behind them. Indeed, Foy did more, for he climbed the trunk of one of the willows high enough to see over the reeds to the ship Swallow and the lake beyond. By this time the Spaniards were alongside the Swallow, for he could hear their captain hailing him who leant over the tattrail, and commanding all on board to surrender under pain of being put to death. But from the man

in the stern came no answer, which was scarcely strange, seeing that it was the dead pilot, Hans, to whom they talked in the misty dawn, whose body Martin had lashed thus to deceive them. So they fired at the pilot, who took no notice, and then began to clamber on board the ship. Presently all the men were out of the first boat—that with the sail set on it, except two, the steersman and the captain, whom, from his dress and demeanour, Foy took and the captain, whom, from his dress and demeanour, Foy took to be the one-eyed Spaniard, Ramiro, although of this he was too far off to make sure. It was certain, however, that this man did not mean to board the Svallow, for of a sudden he put his boat about, and, the wind catching the sail, soon drew him clear of her.

"That fellow is cunning," said Foy to Martin and Martha below, "and I was a fool to light the tarred canvas, for he has seen the smoke drawing up the hatchway."

"And having had enough fire for one night, thinks that he will leave his mates to quench it," added Martin.

"Scarcely time yet," answered Martin, "the matches were set for six minutes."

for six minutes.

Then followed a silence in which the three of them watched and listened with beating hearts. In it they heard a voice call out that the steersman was dead, and the answering voice of the officer in the boat, whom Foy had been right in supposing to be Ramiro, warning them to beware of treachery. Now suddenly arose a shout of "A mine! a mine!" for they had found one of the lighted fuses. "They are running for their boat," said Foy, "and the captain is sailing farther off. Heavens! how they scream."

As the words passed his lips a tongue of flame shot to the very ies. The island seemed to rock, a fierce rush of air struck Foy and shook him from the tree. Then came a dreadful, thunderous sound, and lo! the sky was darkened with fragments of wreck, limbs of men, a grey cloud of scattered salt and torn shreds of sail and cargo, which fell here, there, and everywhere about and beyond them. unhurt, were clinging to each other on the ground. Then as the dark pall of smoke drifted southward Foy scrambled up his tree again. But now there was little to be seen, for the Swallow had vanished utterly, and for many yards round where she lay the wreckage-strewn water was black as ink with the stirred mud. The Spaniards had gone also, nothing of them was left, save the two men and the boat which rode unhurt at a distance. Foy stared at them. The steersman was seated and wringing his hands, while the captain, on whose armour the rays of the rising sun now shone brightly, held to the mast like one stunned, and gazed at the place where, a minute before, had been a ship and a troop of living men. Presently he seemed to recover himself, for he issued an order,

whereon the boat's head went about, and she began to glide away.
"Now we had best try to catch him," said Martha, who, by

"Now we had best try to catch him," said Martha, who, by standing up, could see this also.

"Nay, let him be," answered Foy, "we have sent enough men to their account," and he shuddered.

"As you will, master," grumbled Martin, "but I tell you it is not wise. The man is too clever to be allowed to live, else he would have accompanied the others on board and perished with them."

"Oh! I am sick," replied Foy, "The wind from that powder has shaken me. Settle it as you will with Mother Martha and leave me in peace."

So Martin turned to sweek with Martha but the standard to the standard transfer.

So Martin turned to speak with Martha, but she was not there. Chuckling to herself in the madness of her hate and the glory of this great revenge, she had slipped away, knife in hand, to discover whether perchance any of the powder-blasted Spaniards still lived. Fortunately for them they did not, the shock had killed them all, even those who at the first alarm had thrown themselves into the water. At length Martin found her clapping her hand and crooning above a dead body, so shattered that no one could tell to what manner of man it had belonged, and led her away. But although she was keen enough for the chase, by now it was too late, for,

travelling before the strong wind, Ramiro and his boat had vanished.

(To be continued) In five seconds it was over, and the three of them, shaken but

1. Winter toilette. Beige cloth pleated skirt and beaver bolero, with chinchila revers
2. Cloth coat with ermine collar, revers and band running down the front, and finished by a broad braid. Sleeves trimmed to match. The jacket closes at the side with handsome braid brandenburgs. Skirt of heather mixture, with pleats fixed down half way and then flowing open gracefully. Bands of braid ornament the skirt, finishing off in trefoil ornaments
3. Walking dress of grey cloth. The dress is very plain and sheath-like, with long pleats all down the front, and strapped bands of cloth. High collar of blue fox fur



FROM A SKETCH BY TROOPER HUGH CLEAVER



Boers and Boxers

By CHARLES LOWE

QUITE as significant for the conclusion of the war as the impending return of Lord Roberts, which has been delayed among other things by the serious illness of his daughter, is the further announcement that the Red Cross Society has now withdrawn from operations in Natal; that the Langham Field Hospital is coming home; that the Princess of Wales's hospital ship will now discontinue its trips; that Colonel Ward, "the best supply officer since Moses," is among the large number of prominent officers who have left the front for home; that General Kelly-Kenny and his staff are also on their way to England, the command of the lines of communication in Orange River Colony being given to Sir Archibald Hunter; and that General French, with two brigades, has been appointed to the command at Johannesburg, the new headquarters seat. In fact, there are everywhere signs of dismantling, diminution of field forces, reorganisation and new departures. Yet hostilities are by no means at an end-hostilities costing us much precious blood and treasure, so that to the expenditure of about seventy millions sterling, which the war has entailed upon us so far, a very considerable addition will have to be made by Parliament when it meets for this special purpose at the beginning of December. It is impossible, however, to believe the estimate of one authority who computes that there are still 15,000 burghers in the field, and yet they would appear to have an astonishing number of commandoes, or at least fractional commandoes, still at large which continue to pester our troops and pounce upon their convoys, though the balance of detriment is generally all on the Boer side. The best song on this subject could be sung by Messrs. Steyn and De Wet, "Arcades ambo," who, on the 6th inst., at Bothaville, with a force of 1,000 Boers, lost 60 dead and wounded, 100 prisoners, and eight various guns (two of which had been aforetime captured from us) to General Knox, though at the cost of several of his officers, including the gallant Colonel Le Gallais, who had contributed so much to this important victory—the best of its kind during the war. In the Dalmanutha parts, too, about the same time, Smith-Dorrien's troops did excellent service — the Canadians,

in particular, again distinguishing themselves by repulsing a charge of 200 mounted Boers, which was pressed home to within seventy yards of British rear-guard - a most unusual and audacious thing for them to do. But still more so was the feat of a party of the 19th Hussars at Lydenburg, who stole through the enemy's outposts in the night time, "charging the Boers by moonlight and sabreing many of them." This was one of the very few instances in the war where our cavalry have had the satisfaction of being able to get in among the Boers with the white weapon, and the taste of it is sure to have had a most salutary effect upon their nerves, which, for the rest, were rudely shaken by the death of two of their generals-Prinsloo and Fourieand the wounding of the redoubtable Grobelaar, whose "kloof" was so much in evidence during the dark Colenso days. Raidings, fightings, captures and counter-captures have also been reported from other parts of the seat of war, yet their general result must be decidedly depressing to the Boer desperadoes still in the field.

But if confusion continues to prevail in the land o the Boers, what shall be said of the everthickening chaos in the country of the Boxers? Apart from the region of rumour, the mosts triking fact in the record of the week has been the execution at

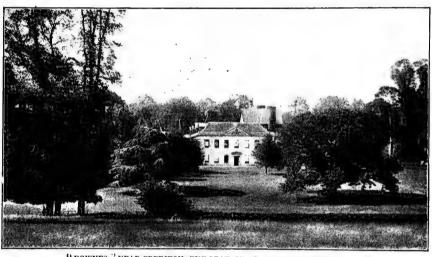
Pao-ting-fu of the three officials-namely, Tien-Yang, provincial treasurer; General Wei-Shun-Kon, commanding the troops; and

Colonel Kiu, commanding the cavalry-who were sentenced to death by a military tribunal for their connection with the masand torture of missionsacre Their heads were exposed on poles for one day, and then taken down and buried. Moreover, apart from a fine of 100,000 taels inflicted on the municipal councillors of the place, the towers on the corners of the city wall were destroyed, and a breach was made in the south-eastern wall near the scene of the murder of British subjects, on which the execution also took place. On his return from Pao-ting-fu, General Lorne-Campbell destroyed "twenty-six villages," to which Count Waldersee mildly referred as "several Boxer camps;" while the German and the Russian columns also had considerable fightingthe latter losing four killed and sixty-four wounded. But though due retribution has thus been exacted for the massacres at Paoting-fu, the wheels of Justice continue to stick in the mud as regards the satisfaction demanded by the Powers for the Boxer outrages on their representatives at Peking, and in this respect the so-called "peace negotiations" do not appear to be in a very promising state-the less so as the foreign Ministers have finally agreed on a long list of terms,



LADY AUDREY BULLER The Latest Portrait by Charles Knight, Aldershot

one of which is that "China shall inflict the death penalty on the eleven guilty high officials and Princes who instigated all the trouble."



DOWNES, 'NEAR CREDITON, THE SEAT OF SIR REDVERS BULLER, V.C. From a Photograp Lby Frith, Reigate

It is difficult to see how the onerous conditions of the Powers can either be complied with by China or enforced by them.



The somewhat unpicturesque town of Aldershot was hardly recognisable when it burst out into a blaze of decorations to welcome Sir Redvers Buller on his return from South Africa; and the enthusiastic reception accorded to him left nothing to be desired. Our photograph is by Charles

"The Likeness of the Aibt"

THE publication of Mrs. W. K. Clifford's play in the Anglo-Saxon Review, together with the production 1000 some time since in Liverpool, has already afforded to 1. 1. an opportunity of judging for themselves whether / the Night is-as the author has alleged-also the Mr. Sydney Grundy's play, A Debt of Honour, was approaching the close of its career at the ST. Is piece has now, as an acted play, been brought nearer An. It has been given this week by Mr. and Mrs. Kender dter company at the GRAND Theatre, Fulham, whereby it Dr. 5 ...] that the question of plagiarism, conscious or unconscious .- Frei finally submitted to the judgment of those who take rest in such matters. I am compelled, however, to add ception of the play on Monday night had nothing special about it. If the audience that filled exclarly at in this handsome new suburban theatre regarded them-2 5 11 of jury of experts impanelled to try an issue in a co Ligrary etiquette, there was certainly little outward token · fac'. Possibly this was attributable to the circumstance that on of the play had not proceeded far before it was manifest to r · was really no issue to try. The story of man, wife, and mistr .. '....1 ended gaily, as in Arthur Murphy's The Way to Keep Him. as in the late Mrs. Oliphant's powerful little story, or . Ally, as in Ibsen's Rosmersholm, has long been the common 17:1 playwrights; and there is really nothing in the resembler Weell the two pieces which may not well be ascribed to mer. ence -not even excepting the "cup of tea" of which we heard much-for are not afternoon teas on the stage almost from drawing-room scenes? Mrs. Clifford's dialogue is dramatic, and she exhibits a skill in developing stron -c ai. I which augurs no less favourably for her future career as a atist: but the dreariness and gloom of her story of the faithful wite wil discovered that her habitual lack of what is known as "d in nstrativeness" has driven her husband into the arms of a mistress, suicide will, I fear, make the average spectator sigh for a little light in the picture. Nor does Mrs. Kendal's powerful and pathetic impersonation of Mrs. Archerson tend to lessen the paint thess of the story. Miss M'Intosh won great applause in the character of the mistress by her powerful outburst of remorse on discovering the true motives of Mrs. Archerson's suicie

> At the HIPPODROME has been introduced a remarkable novelty in the form of a continuation of the phonograph with animated photographs. Animated pictures of music-hall comed as are given, and the words of the song in keeping with their gestures are thrown out by the phonograph, but the result was not altogether pleasing. as the sounds were shrill and discordant. This novelty is also applied to the return of the C.I.V., and the presentment of the men marching through the street to an accompaniment of hoarse cheering was wonderfully interesting.

Our Supplements

Most people have at some time been tempted to go sea fishing for an hour or so, and many have had an experience in a small way similar to that depicted in our Supplement, "The Sty of a Conger." To catch a fair-sized specimen is, indeed, to catch a Tartar. To begin with, he is no joke to catch a fair-sized specimen is maded, to catch a fair-sized specimen is. to haul in, but it is when he is jerked boat that the fun begins. The wily boa

once clears to a safe distance and leaves the fisherman and honour of tackling Mr. Conger, who proceeds promptly

the line round his cap until he gets within m distance of a good bite. In his antagonist seek refu rigging; the writhing to him like Sinbad's of the sea, until the boatma the opportunity, steps in marline-spike and e Conger's career.

Mr. Blair Leighton's which forms the second ture,

ment this week, shows Elaine the fair, Elaine the Elaine, the lily maid of Awho died of her love for I being taken to Arthur in accordance with her dy In one hand she be letter containing that far Lancelot which he wo say to her, in the other a "she did not seem as d fast asleep, and lay as she smiled." Her inst had been :-

Then take the little bed on white For Lancelot's love, and deck.

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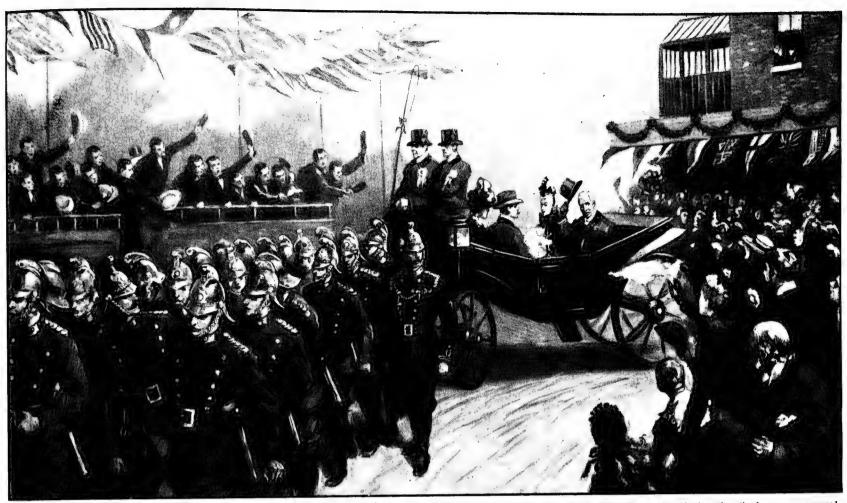
For richness, and me also like the

For richness, and me also like the In all I have of rich, and lay in And let there be prepared a characteristic To take me to the river, and a Be ready on the river, clothed I go in state to Court, to meet There surely I shall speak for self, And none of you can speak the well.

And therefore let our dumb

alone Go with me, he can steer and to and he Will guide me to that palace, to the loors.

THE RETURN OF SIR REDVERS BULLER TO ALDERSHOT



No sooner had Sir Redvers Buller and Lady Andrey, with Miss Buller and Lieutenant Howard, his stepson and aide-de-camp, entered their carriage on their arrival at Aldershot, than the horses were removed and drag-ropes attached by which the men of the Volunteer Fire Brigade dragged the carriage the whole distance to Farnborough

SIR REDVERS BULLER'S RETURN: HIS RECEPTION AT ALDERSHOT DRAWN BY F. C. DICKINSON

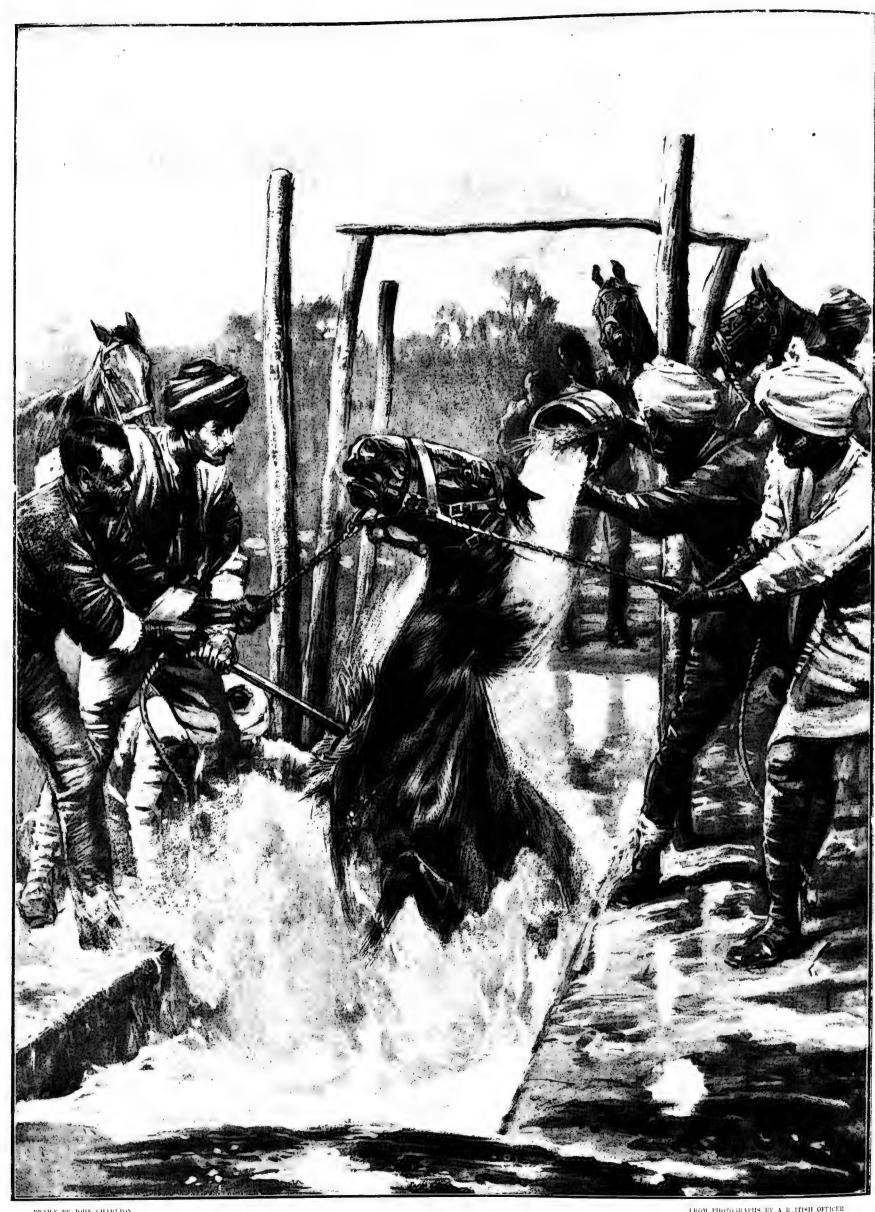


FROM A SKETCH BY F. C. DICKINSON

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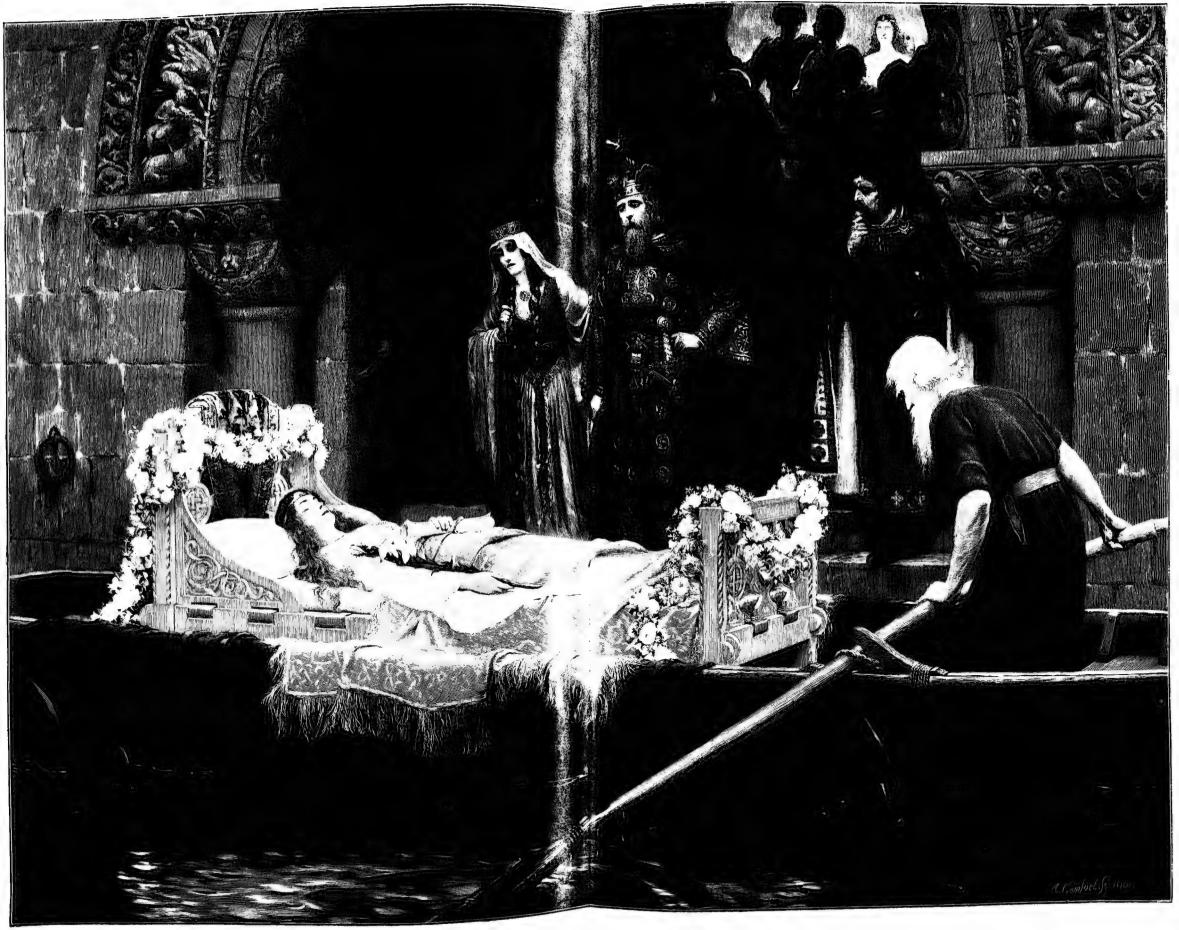
When the special train bringing Sir Redvers Buller to Aldershot arrived at the station there were waiting on the platform Lieutenant-General Sir William Butler, in full uniform, with Colonel Kennedy, waiting on the platform Lieutenant-General Sir William Butler, in full uniform, with Colonel Kennedy, waiting on the platform to the Aldershot Staff, the Bishop of Winchester, and Deputy Adjutant-General, and many other members of the Aldershot Staff, the Bishop of Winchester, and Deputy Adjutant-General, and many other than Mr. A. F. Jeffrey, M.P. On alighting Sir Redvers Buller, looking hale, though somewhat thinner than When he left the camp a year ago, was received with an outburst of cheering, and the bars of "See the When he left the camp a year ago, was received with an outburst of cheering, and the bars of "See the Conquering Hero Comes." Lady Andrey Buller, who had accompanied Sir Redvers, was presented with a Conquering Hero Comes." Lady Andrey Buller, who had accompanied Sir Redvers, was presented with a Conquering Hero Comes." Lady Andrey Buller, who had accompanied Sir Redvers, was presented with a Conquering Hero Comes." Lady Andrey Buller, who had accompanied Sir Redvers, was presented with a Conquering Hero Comes."

of presenting an address of welcome took place on a dais in the station yard, in the presence of nearly 1,000 privileged speciators. The usual placid countenance of Sir Redvers was moved by the great reception accorded him. The address of welcome, which was presented by Mr. May, expressed how anxiously Aldershot had watched the labours of the gallant General in South Africa, when surrounded by so many hardships, and how fervently they hoped that health and strength would be permitted General Buller to further honour the noble profession to which he belonged. Sir Redvers Buller having replied, loud cheers were given by the gathering

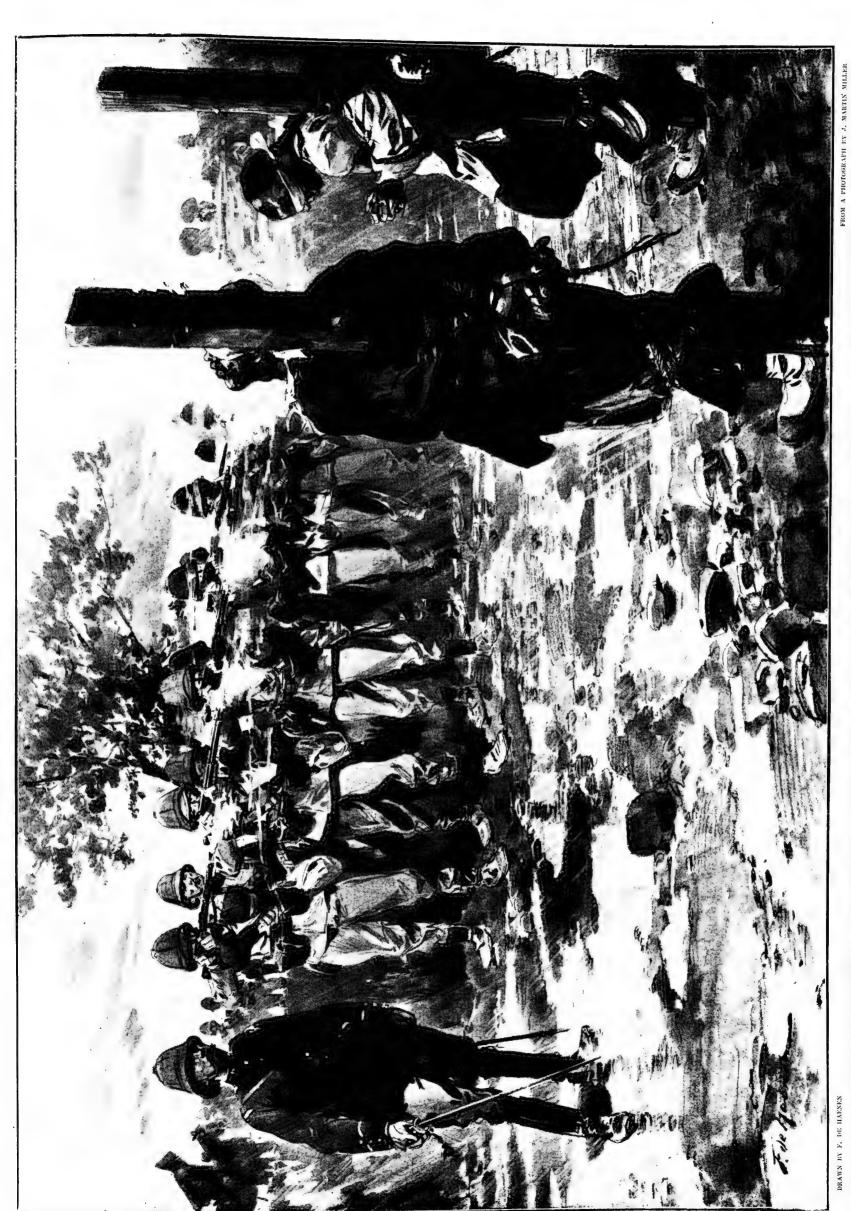


"Horses at the front," writes a Correspondent, "receive the greatest attention. At the Stellenbosch Remount Depôt they have undergone an elaborate and expensive medicinal treatment for the cure of skin

disease. An immense bath to contain antiseptic fluid has been constructed there, and the animals are made to go through it. Indian natives manipulate the horses under the supervision of a veterinary officer."



"ELAINE"



A Correspondent writes: "The Provisional Government of Tientsin sentenced four were arrested by Japanese soldiers. The two former were leaver captains. The latter were helped by the arrested by the arrested by the part of the city allotted to then to parts to parts, and the other two but two shot by the French soldiers. Mr. Emmons, resident of Tientsin,

The American Presidential Election

By H. MORGAN-BROWNE

AN ELECTORAL SURVEY

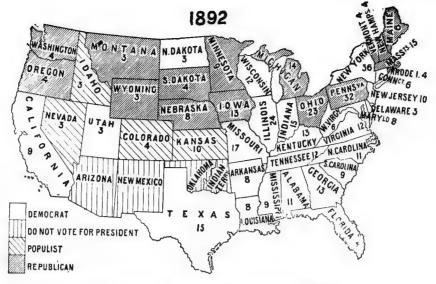
As in England, so in America, and now more recently in Canada, the Imperialist factor in modern Anglo-Saxon politics has suspended for the time being that political reaction which is one of the best observed rules of the game. On both sides of the Atlantic a newly found Imperialism has arrested the backward swing of the electoral pendulum in most striking and convincing fashion.

This new factor is not the peculiar property of either of the two historic parties with which English-speaking countries are by nature endowed—for if in England and the United States the pendulum was stayed in the Conservative and Republican camp, in Canada it has defied the forces of political gravity in the strongholds of their Liberal and Radical opponents. With regard to the United States it is tolerably clear that the Imperial issue,

more than any other, dominated the voters at the recent Presidential Election—the comparative unimportance of the free silver issue being sufficiently attested by the Democrat losses in the Western or debtor States, to whom, if to anyone, free silver promised gain, and from whom, in 1896, when currency was the determining issue, Bryan drew that popular support which made the creditor East afraid. It seems, then, a fitting moment to pass in review the recent electoral history of the great Republic, and with this object we have prepared the three accompanying maps designed to show the political complexion of the different States in the Union during the last three Presidential contests.

The election of a President for the United States during the next ensuing term of office-1901-1905, will not be technically consummated until next March, when the Electoral College, for whom alone in constitutional strictness the American people have been voting, meets to make its choice of President. Of course, for all practical purposes, Mr. McKinley was re-elected President of the United States on November 6 last, but it is well to bear in mind the indirectness of the method of election. The Electoral College is composed of a number of electors chosen by each State in the Union, voting as a single constituency. Thus in 1896 a majority of 2 1 among 436,000 voters was sufficient to give the State of Kentucky with twelve out of its thirteen presidential electors to Mr. McKinley, while in 1892 a majority of 144 among 236,000 voters gave California with eight out of its nine electors to Mr. Cleveland. In both these cases the majority only failed to obtain the full number of electors through cross voting (always surprisingly small in these contests) which resulted in one of the winning party's candidates falling behind or one of the losing party's getting ahead of their respective "tickets"-i.e., getting fewer or more votes than the rest of their political colleagues. Each of the forty-five States of which the Union is now composed is entitled to a number of presidential electors equal to the number of its representatives in Congress (i.e. in the House of Representatives and Senate com-This number varies from three in the smaller or less populous States to thirty-six in New York. Following each census the number of representatives of each State in the Lower House of Congress is revised; and when a State is formally admitted into the Union, as in the case of Utah between 1892 and 1896, an addition is perforce made to the numbers of Congress; so that the number of electors in the Electoral College is steadily increasing.

It will be interesting to glance briefly at the trend of American politics during the last quarter of the dying century. At the end of the great Civil War the Republicans carried all before them—they were the Unionists, as the Democrats were the Home Rulers of



MAP SHOWING THE DISTRIBUTION OF VOTES IN 1892

America. In 1868 and again in 1872 General Grant (Republican) was elected President by overwhelming majorities. In 1876 the Democrats had so far recovered politically that the two parties were almost exactly balanced with 184 Democrat votes to 185 Republican votes in the Electoral College. From 1880, beginning with a Republican triumph, down to 1896, the law of the swinging pendulum held undisputed sway. A glance at the maps for 1892, a great Democrat year, and 1896, a great Republican year, will show the two extremes of the pendulum's path; but it is in the Eastern States, with their high voting power, and comparatively small area, that attention must be given when looking for the change of political complexion. In 1888 a Republican had been elected, in 1884 a Democrat, and in 1880 a Republican. The law

clected, in 1884 a Democrat, and in 1880 a Republican. The law of change scemed immutable.

But there is in American politics a law of higher authority than that of political reaction, and that is the enduring solidarity of the Southern States and their steadfast adherence to the Democrat cause. From 1880 to 1896 the whole south-east corner of the Union, comprising New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas (17 States with a voting power, since 1892, of 169) voted steadily Democrat. This great source of Democrat strength was but imperfectly countered by the steady Republican sympathies of certain other States, neither so compactly grouped geographically nor so powerful politically. There were twelve such, including most of the New England States, controlling 136 votes in the College. Now the striking feature of the 1896 election was not the Republican majority which was due, but the invasion by the Republicans of the Democrats' "Solid South." In 1896 New Jersey (10), Delaware (3), Maryland (8), West Virginia (6), and Kentucky (13)—forty votes, counting eighty on a transfer—went Republican for the first time in twenty years, while Kentucky and Maryland had been persistently Democrat for thirty years. In these circumstances the winning through Bryanism of the North-Western States availed the Democrats very little. Even New York could not have saved them.

In the recent election it will be noted that the Republicans have, for the most part, managed to retain the ground they won from the "Solid South" in 1892. It is true that the latest estimates give Kentucky to Mr. Bryan, but obviously by the narrowest of majorities, which, in this ancient Democrat fortress, is only less significant than a Republican victory. And this, more than anything else, is noteworthy. For it would seem that the Imperialist factor to which we alluded at the beginning of this article, is permanently weakening that particularism in American politics which produced the Civil War and left a solid Democrat South. Both the elections of 1896 and 1900 have been somewhat obscured by the obtrusiveness of the free silver plank in the Bryanite platform in 1896, but, on the whole, we think that the result of the American Presidential Election of 1900 may be regarded as the triumph of national over sectional interests, of Imperialism over particularism.

The Close of the Exhibition

FROM OUR PARIS CORRLSI

On Monday evening, at midnight, Exhibition the world has ever seen things that were. The crowd was immulong in every part of the grounds. For hours before the closing trains from the and abroad kept pouring thousands of and foreign visitors into the capital.

But in the past week the Exhibition we by visitors of a much less welcome kindays ago every bailin in Paris was molflanked by an army of clerks, and witnesses required by law, then describent their wares in the grounds and gallering their wares in the grounds and gallering paid the "patente," or licence, which extradesman must pay. The result was goods were seized, and the first step the dismantling of the great fair was the sale of the contents of the stalls.

This was the treatment meted out to a fry. The larger concerns, the cafés and retheatres, panoramas, café concerts, &c., working with of hundreds of thousands of francs, had adopted system. They, too, refused to pay up the sum distant three months of their concessions. But they did to be seized by the bailiffs. They took the once attacked the authorities. They held a meeting authat if the Government did not remit them the I months' payment, every café and restaurant in the grotal classe.

This threat, the carrying out of which would have some the death-knell of the Exhibition, terrified the Government, M. Millerand hastened to offer to form a court of arbitration. This was accepted, and, pending its decision, the various establishment consented to keep open. The list of the losses put toward averages 300,000 francs for each establishment, and totals will on for a couple of million francs. And this is in spite of the tast that all these establishments were taking thousands of francs a day. This shows what exaggerated prices must have been paid for concessions if with such enormous revenues they could not make both ends

As soon as the last of M. Picard's men left the Exhibition on Monday an army of Customs and Octroi officers took possession of it, and will remain in possession till the last case leaves. The Champ de Mars is an immense bonded store. Everything in it came into France and Paris duty free on condition that it went out again at the end of the Exhibition. As, however, many exhibitors prefer to sell off the contents of their stands for what they will fetch rather than go to the expense and trouble of transporting them back to where they came from, these must pay duty before any sale can be permitted.

any sale can be permitted.

Then all the goods sent back to their place of origin must be placed in vans sealed by the Customs officers and escorted to the railway station by the Octroi officers, who collect the local dance levied by the city of Paris. As the exhibits on the Champ d. Mars must weigh millions of tons the work promises to be long and difficult. Of course all the network of railways which run in all the galleries and palaces was left intact under the floor once that is torn up locomotives, trucks and vans will be run through the Exhibition in every direction.

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It has now been officially decided that every building Exhibition, with the exception of the Grand and the Palaces, the Alexander III. Bridge, the footbridge of the Palaces, the Alexander III. Bridge, the footbridge of the Palaces, is to be pulled down, even the Galerie deswhich has been spared since the Exhibition of 18 immense space thus opened up is to be laid out with and trees. The vista that will thus be opened up Champs Elysées to the Invalides will be a mary At the Champs Elysées entrance it will be flanked by inficent new palaces; in the middle distance will splendid Alexander III. Bridge, and, as a backgith Church of the Invalides, with its gilded dome, the spacethe bridge and the church being filled with flower grassy lawns.

MAP SHOWING THE DISTRIBUTION OF VOTES IN 1896



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MAP SHOWING THE DISTRIBUTION OF VOTES IN 1900

Club Comments

By "MARMADUKE"

war at the War Office is the campaign of the immediate. The military element is about to attempt to remove the lement from power, and the latter will fight obstinately to its control over the Army. There are two sides to the questilitary men maintain that the faults which have been distort in the Army are the result of the mismanagement of the ty the civil element; the latter insists that they are due to the too taking the profession seriously except in war-time. The ty men say that the civilians are not soldiers, the civilians the soldiers are not business men.

e war in South Africa has proved again that our officers are but it has also proved that many of them are not wise. It is rbial saying that "Prudence is the better part of valour," the phenomenal imprudence of many of the officers in South has astonished not only this country but all other nations. It is be safe to entrust the control of the business part of the genent of the Army to officers who have shown so clearly acy do not possess the quality of prudence?

so who should know say that no considerable step in the ion of reform is to be taken. Large sums will be spent in nigguns and in accumulating stores, a few alterations in the arguments at the War Office will be made, and numerous more

Our Portraits

Professor A. W. Hughes was originator and chief organiser of the Welsh Hospital in South Africa. He went out to the Cape in June after having raised a sum of over 12,000/. for the hospital, and when he got to South Africa it achieved much excellent work under his management. At the request of Lord Roberts he removed the base to Pretoria, and remained in personal direction till it was deemed no longer necessary for himself and the chief surgeons to stay in South Africa, when they sailed together for this country. On the voyage home fever symptoms appeared which culminated, on his return, in the illness which proved fatal. At his residence in Chester Terrace, he was attended by Dr. Tirard, Physician to King's College Hospital, and Professor Frederick Roberts, of University College Hospital. Professor Hughes, who was only thirty-eight years of age, was born at Fronwen, Merionethshire, and was educated at Edinburgh, and subsequently pursued his studies in London and at Leipzig. He was a very fluent Welsh speaker, and took the keenest interest in all Welsh national movements. He was for some time Lecturer on Anatomy at the Edinburgh School of Medicine, and afterwards Professor of Anatomy at Cardiff. He left Cardiff on his appointment as Professor of Anatomy at King's College. He was a strong advocate of "ambidexterity," and had trained himself to use the left hand in operating as skilfully as the right. Our portrait is by Elliott and Fry, Baker Street.

His Highness Rajindar Singh, Maharajah of Patiala, was the elder son of the late Mohindar Singh, who died in 1873. He was born May 25, 1872, and during his infancy the affairs of 1888. He was actively engaged in the Nile Expedition under General Kitchener in 1897, and also in the expedition of the following year, when he took part in the cavalay reconnaissance of April 4, and the battles of the Atbara and Khartoum. At Bloemfontein, when the Mounted Infantry Division was formed, he was appointed Assistant Adjutant-General to General Ian Hamilton, whom he accompanied in his flank march to Pretoria and Heidelberg, and at the disbandment of the Division he was given the command of a detached mounted infantry force. Since his last appointment he has accompanied many flying columns in putsuit of De Wet—operations which resulted in the brilliant attack upon that resourceful commander near Bothaville, when he was killed. Our portrait is by Elliott and Fry, Baker Street.

Major Joseph Hanwell who was killed while leading his troops in the unsuccessful attempt to surround the Boers at Ventersberg, was in his fortieth year. He joined the Royal Artillery in 1881, and was in command of the 30th Field Battery, having attained the rank of major little more than a year ago. His only war service previously was in Burma in 1880. Our portrait is by Elliott and Fry, Baker Street.

Lieutenant James Herbert Parker, of Kitchener's Light Horse, was killed in action April 30 at Haut Nek, near Beaudtort. He was the second son of Harry Rainy Parker (late of Temple Bothley, Leicestershire) and Frances Emily Jane Kitchener, and a nephew of Lord Kitchener. He was twenty-seven years of age. Our portrait is by Hermann, Wellington, N.Z.

Cyril D'Arcy Vivien Cary-Barnard is a member of Lumsden's



THE LATE LIEUTENANT J. H. PARKER Killed near Brandfort



THE LATE LIEUT. E. M. HANBURY
Killed at Jagersfontein



THE LATE MAJOR J. HANWELL Killed near Ventersburg



THE LATE CAPTAIN L. D. BAILLIE
Killed near Frederickstad



THE LATE COLONEL LE GALLAIS



TROOPER C. D. V. CARY-BARNARD



MIDSHIPMAN BASIL J. D. GUY Who has gained the V.C.



THE LATE MAHARAJAH OF PATIALA Ruling head of the Sikhs



THE LATE PROF. A. W. HUGHES Originator and Chief Organiser of the Welsh Hospital in South Africa



THE LATE MR. THOMAS ARNOLD Son of Dr. Arnold, of Rugby

r less unimportant changes in the military system will be carried. Those authorities say that were it contemplated to reform the buy seriously Lord Kitchener would have been appointed stant-General, for the Adjutant-General is he who will have to the with the matter, and Lord Kitchener is the only man who led do that firmly and thoroughly.

The authorities distributed last week the reward which the naval who have distinguished themselves in China have earned, but delay, for some unaccountable purpose, to announce those our men have earned in South Africa. It is generally a 1 that besides the Earldom which is to be conferred on Lord Its, and the Viscounty which Lord Kitchener is to have, Sir as Baller will be promoted to the Peerage. The various hals will receive K.C.B.'s, and the colonels who have been in out 1 are to obtain the C.B.

Are there to be special rejoicings to celebrate the declaration of ? In former times the Government made a point of stimulat-the enthusiasm of the public on such occasions, and even this duty there have been displays in Hyde Park, lasting for several are, to mark the close of an important campaign. If the Government is disposed to encourage such rejoicings when the war in South Theat terminates, it would be well were it to open its mind as to soon, for arrangements could be made to organise a suitable age. Vast crowds parading the streets, cheering and waving large are apt to be disorderly, while the same people, gathered orgether in such a large space as Hyde Park, and rejoicing in an organised manner, would provide a sight worthy of the occasion.

Patiala were administered by a Council of Regency. In 1891 he was installed with full powers as chief, when he found himself in 10ssession of a splendid revenue. On the attainment of his majority he gave Rs. 50,000 to the Punjaub University for the foundation of scholarships. In 1897 he gave 10,000% to the Indian Famine Fund. His patriotism and his culture were equal to his munificence. He speke English admirably, and although of delicate health was an accomplished cavalry officer, cricketer, and sportsman. Of the Indian turf he was an enthusiastic patron, and his colours have been seen more than once at Newmarket. In 1893 his Highness was married to an Irish lady, Miss Florrie Bryan, who, previous to the wedding, embraced the Sikh faith, and the marriage was solemnised according to Sikh rites. Our portrait is by Johnston and Hoffman, Calcutta.

Mr. Basil John Douglas Guy, upon whom the Queen has conferred the Victoria Cross for conspicuous bravery in China, is attached to H.M.S. Barfleur. He passed from the training-ship Britannia to the Barfleur in 1898, his two and a halt years' service having been spent entirely in the Far East. The act which won for the young officer the highest distinction in the Service occurred at the storming of Tientsin in July, when, under an excessively hot fire, he stopped with and attended a wounded able seaman, and eventually assisted to carry him across a fire-swept zone. Our pertrait is by T. Fall, Baker Street.

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Philip Walter Jules Le Gallais, who was killed at Bothaville, joined the 8th (King's Royal Irish) Hussars from the Jersey Militia, as a second lieutenant, in 1881, obtained his lieutenancy a year later, and was made captain in

Horse, and sailed from India with that force. He has now received a commission from Lord Roberts. Our portrait is by Hirsbrunner, Lucerne.

Lieutenant E. M. Hanbury, 3rd South Lancashire Regiment (4th R. Lancs, Militia), was killed at Jagersfontein October 13.

Captain William Lyon Dennistoun Baillie was the only son of the late Mr. George A. F. Buillie and nephew of the late Sir William Baillie, of Polkemmet, Linlithgowshire. He joined his regiment in 1894, and became Captain last February. His relatives received a telegram from the War Office on October 30 stating that the following message had been sent by General Barton:—"Please convey to relatives of Captain Baillie, 2nd Royal Scots Fusiliers, killed in action on October 25, my deep sympathy and admiration for his most gallant conduct." Our portrait is by Abel Lewis and Son.

Thomas Arnold, M.A., Fellow of the Royal University of Ireland, was the second and last surviving son of Dr. Arnold, of Rugby, and a brother of the late Matthew Arnold. He became a convert to Catholicity with Dr. Newman, and with him went to Dublin to found the Catholic University in Stephen's Green, over which the Cardinal for some years presided. On Dr. Newman's return to Edgbaston Mr. Arnold accompanied him, but he subsequently returned to Ireland, and his later years were filled with teaching work in the University College whose foundation he had done so much to assist. Mr. Arnold, who was seventy-six years of age, was the father of Mrs. Humphry Ward, the distinguished novelist. Our portrait is by Elliott and Fry, Baker Street.

A Moman Milestone Inst Discovered Mear Berusalem

In both sacred and secular history no small interest attaches to the Roman road that led northwards from Jerusalem to Damascus, the mention of which suggests several well-known incidents in the beginning of the Christian era. A bit of this road just outside Jerusalem ascends the northern side of the valley which, a little further east, joins the Kedron, and is still in good preservation, the heavy old Roman paving looking as if it might still last for centuries. The new road to the Mount of Olives, built two years ago for the convenience of the German Emperor, buried and obliterated the lower part of this relic of antiquity. The upper end, of which we give a sketch, is now also being covered by work done in grading a new modern carriage road which is being constructed from Jerusalem northwards, to be soon completed as far as Beereh (the ancient Beeroth) and later to extend to Nablous, the Shechem of sacred history.

As one travels northward over the rough mule-track that has been in modern times the only road, there are here and there indications of the route of the old Roman military highway; but much of the way all trace of it is gone. However, in digging for the grading of the new road at a point near Shaphat, a village about two miles north of Jerusalem, the fellaheen workmen unearthed, the other day, an interesting proof that the ancient roadway coincided at this place with the route surveyed for the new road. It was in the shape of a section of one of the well-known milestones with which the Romans lined their roads, and bearing inscriptions similar to those found on other Roman milestones. This milliarium was probably the second one from Jerusalem. They were placed at intervals of 1,000 Roman paces, about equivalent to our mile.

We give a photograph of the section found, showing the inscription



ROMAN MILESTONE DISCOVERED NEAR JERUSALEM

on one side. As far as decipherable it is as follows:—The first line, IMPNERV...; the second inc, AVGPONTI..M...; the third line, the lower parts of the letters having been broken off, TRIBVN.. On the reverse side of the pillar is incribed as follows:—The first line, ... PC-ESAR, the missing letters being have of the interpolation of the second line. the IM of the imperial title; the second line NVSAVG. This latter is made with well-cut letters and larger than the ruder work on the other side, and probably recorded the fact of its erection by the Emperor Vespasian (A.D. 69), whose name alone of the carlier Emperors has the number of letters and the final letters that fit what remains of the inscription. The lettering on the other side is evidently to record its restoration by the Emperor Nerva (A.D. 96). A milestone now standing on the Capitol in Rome, which formerly marked the first mile on one of the great military roads leading from Rome, bears, on its lower half, an inscription almost identical with the one first above mentioned.

Some Chats with the C.F.O .- II.

In an interview with a sergeant of the C.I.V. Vickers-Maxim Battery we wandered from pom-poms to traction-engines. This gunner had much of interest to impart. "The shooting capabilities of the Boers," he said, "have been much overrated, but I was greatly impressed with their skill at taking up positions. There was marked evidence of this during the engagement with De Wet's rear-guard, when the Boer general broke away from the cordon which was being formed round him at Bethlehem. In this instance he retreated towards Lindley Road closely pursued by Broadwood. The Boer positions were so chosen that De Wet could not be attacked on either flank, and his guns which we engaged were placed behind rocks, so that it was quite impossible to silence them, and excessively difficult to pick up their range. Fighting the whole afternoon we experienced the heaviest shell fire of the campaign, and yet we could not silence the guns. The enemy almost invariably selected the very best positions for the object in view.

"The sleeping on the open veldt entailed much discomfort. When the sun went down we often experienced intense cold. After a hurried meal of hot tea and biscuits the men, tired out with their day's march, would throw themselves on the ground and roll themselves in their blankets. In the morning these would be stiff with frost and ice, and as they had to be at once packed in their waterproof bags, they would remain wet and sodden until frozen again the next night. This kind of thing went on for weeks at a stretch, and as for prolonged periods we never removed a stitch of clothing, and a wash was often out of the question for days, our condition became pretty bad. Personally I have been for a period of ten days without even removing my boots. Our horses suffered intensely from tick, which they picked up from the veldt bushes. These pests were so small as to be almost invisible, but they clung to the animals, and in the morning the poor beasts would be a mass of these vermin swollen with blood to the size of beans.

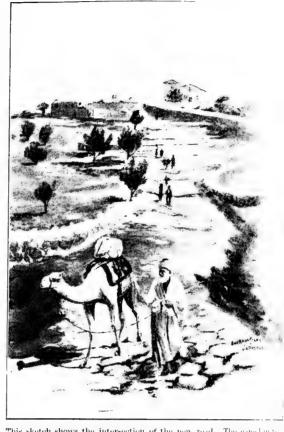
"In the Transyaal particularly the night marches on the bush veldt were exceedingly tiring, and often during the dark, moonless nights officers and men would fall asleep until rudely awakened by their animals stumbling over ant-hills. Matters were not rendered any more comfortable by the presence of the mimosa thorn (three or four inches long), which tore and cut both men and animals,

producing a poisonous wound. The dust, too, was t made the travel over the heavy sand harder than ever.

"While we were with Hickman we so often marched day that we were referred to as Hickman's Travelling Ca performances daily. But, despite the hardships, all we and keen. Although we could not tell the details w should have a rough time, and, so far as I am concern the better for it, and never had a day's illness. My clothes are now too tight for me.

"The complaints with regard to rationing," said anot "were, on the whole, not justified. Luxuries were not a but our food was wholesome and sustaining, and it w possible to supplement our rations by mealies purchase.

"With regard to our feelings when under fire, we often suddenly under fire to think at all, and, with the artillar enough to think of in connection with the work necessary the guns into action. So far as my experience goes I of fire more than anything else. With rifles you get a const



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"The Boer cannon were invariably used as single guns, each under secure cover, and the enemy stuck to their guns under heavy fire with great courage. Their firing was very erratic. While they would fire one shell which would burst close to our own gun, this would be followed by others bursting fifty yards away, thus showing want of skill and care in laying the gun.

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Much loose and inaccurate language has been applied to the composite body of troops which, gathering from all parts of the kingdom, left Southampton on Monday, the 12th inst., for Australia, on board the *Britannic*. These troops have been variously described as the "Australian Guard of Honour," "The Duke of York's Guard," and so forth, but their official designation is "The Imperial Representative Corps," and their address for the duration of their visit to the other side of the globe will be Sydney. It is there—the capital of the parent Colony—that the new Federated Commonwealth of Australia is to be inaugurated on January 1-the first day of the twentieth centuryand it is to lend a special lustre and significance to this historic ceremony that the troops in question, representing all branches of the old home-made British Army, from the Guards to the Volunteers, have been selected and sent to the Southern Cross by the Imperial Government.

Some confusion seems to exist in the public mind as to two things which are totally different. The Duke of York is going to Australia in connection with the birth of the new Commonwealth, but only to open its first Parliament in the early spring, a ceremony which will be quite distinct from the proclamation of the Commonwealth itself on New Year's Day. This latter inauguration ceremony will be performed by the Earl of Hopetoun, the Governor-General, in circumstances of considerable splendour, including the presence of the "Imperial Representative Corps" aforesaid; and though it was thus to surround the momentous birth of a Federated Australia with a certain amount of military and Imperial pomp, not without its political significance, that the sending out of those representative soldiers was determined on, they will also remain to grace the coming of the Duke of York and act as a kind of guard of honour to H.R.H. when he completes the genesis of the Commonwealth by opening its Legislative Assembly. Representing every branch of the British Army, the men have all been selected for the excellence of their character as well as of their physique the average height of the Grenadier Guards, for example, being 6st. 41 in., while one of them, Private McCulloch, towers up to the giddy altitude of 6st. 10 in., and thus overtops the famous Captain Ames, who led the last Jubilee Procession. How McCulloch looks in his bearskin can well be imagined. Had he lived in the time of the father of Frederick the Great, he would, to a certainty, have been kidnapped by the crimps of his Prussian Majesty and added to the ranks of the Riesengarde at Potsdam. Then, again, the infantry section of "the Queen's"—(Royal West Surrey, formerly "Kirke's Lambs," the oldest regiment in the line after the "Royal Scots") averages a chest measurement of 38 inches. The Volunteers and Yeomanry are represented by the oldest corps, and all these auxiliaries are enlisted for six months on the usual service conditions. Horses will be provided in Australia for all mounted officers and men and for guns and vehicles. The "Imperial Representative Corps" will consist of 1,005 officers and men, commanded by Lieut.-Colonel Crole Wyndham, C.B., 21st Lancers, of Omdurman fame, as thus :-

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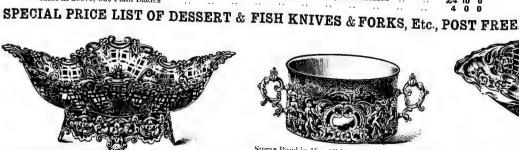


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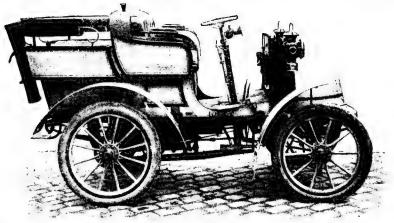
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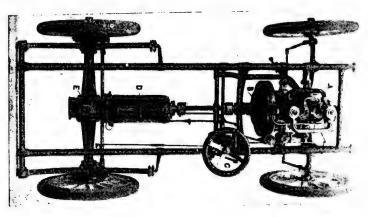
Australian doctor, its hero, whose exasperating foilers worst, widely exaggerated virtues, has no fewer than love affairs; that these affairs are so rapid in sa defy all warnings against being off with the old being on with the new; and that each of the same has a very decided story, as well as character, or her or Long—the Doctor's first—is a physically magnificant responding to the whole extent of his theory that "the the human race is a matter of scientific breeding." It she is admired by a less scrupulous person of less said Ftta Starr, his second, is a heartless coquette, who in for an unlucky owner of 3,000% a year. Ruth Strange, third, is sweet, unselfish, generously foolish -in ever to him; but so much does she shock his sense of project his surgery without attendance, that she sees no way of herself in his eyes but by marrying another. Biddy, his nersell in his eyes but by marrying another. Biddy, his child of his first, whom he has found deserted on his brought up according to his own ideas—a contain specimen of the entant terrible who develops into a woman. But her also he loses by giving her time to a far her love for him is the real thing. How, vari proverb, the Doctor returns, not to his first, but to he a middle only to lose her and his life to the lose her and his life. left a widow, only to lose her and his life together, Mistells much more ably and interestingly than any outlinwould lead one to suppose. The characters are all very much alive, while various minor personages, such sketched sporting vicar, supply the needful amount of

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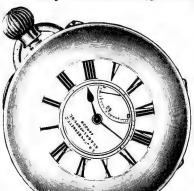
"The Bystander"

"THE BYSTANDER" (Sands) by Mr. Ashby-Sterry, is essentially a lazy man's book. By this ambiguous expression we do not mean to say that the author is lazy, although he does his best to make us believe so, but it is a book for men who thoroughly understand how to laze (if we may coin a word). It is an essay, or rather a collection of essays on proditable loafing-profitable to the mind, not to the pocket. In his first chaper Mr. Sterry holds up Jonus Chuzzlewit as a man to be admired, says he ought to have a statue erected to his memory, not, be it understood, on account of his crimes, but because he pointed out the amount of pleasure that could be obtained from inspecting the buildings, anonuments, &c., of London, at no cost whatever. Mr. Ashby-Sterry's knowledge of London, like his friend Sam Weller's, is "extensive and peculiar," and it is a pleasure to accompany him on a walking, or rather strolling, tour through the streets of the metropolis. This is what we can do through the medium of his book. He points out the

historical houses, notable monuments, and other buildings to which some personal or public interest attaches, telling us which of Dickens's characters lived here, which individual made famous by Thackeray lived there-in fact he teaches us the quiet enjoyment to be found in the great City. In another chapter he takes a cheap and comfortable Continental trip, travelling along the railway of his imagination and memory, without stirring from Charing Cross Station. He descants on the miseries of early rising, and pleasures of lying in bed until late in the day. The readers of The Graphic are aware that "The Bystander" is fond of offering suggestions, putting forward new ideas by which London and society at large could be benefited, many of which, unfortunately, are quite impracticable. But one idea of this kind to be found in this volume is that of founding a society every member of which is bound to help any fellow-creature in distress, whether it be an old lady looking for a carriage on leaving the theatre, or a dirty child looking for its home in the slums. It might be impossible to carry out the idea in full, but individuals would do well to found a little society of the same kind in which he himself was the sole member.

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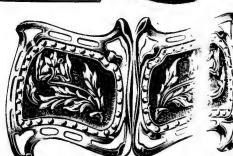
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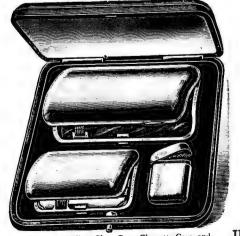




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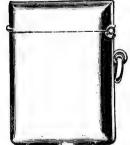


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under municipal auspices, and that for a nominal fee citizens could sit and walk in a mild spring temperature with English flowers and plants in growth and bloom around them. Such a garden under cover might easily become an universal rendezvous. The charge cover might easily become an universal rendezvous. made for simple admission to places like the Crystal Palace, the Aquarium, and the like is much too high for the purpose of a simple

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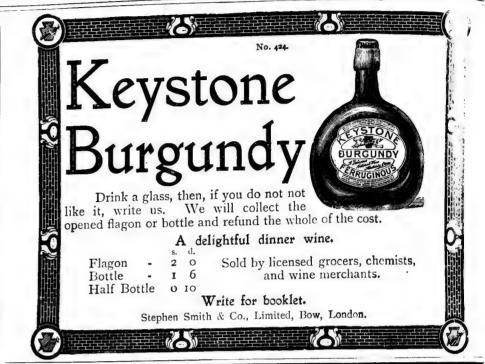
last moment. Finally, the large expenditure on money prizes is waste. Breeders would find the advertisement of success she int incentive, and local magnates require no money reward

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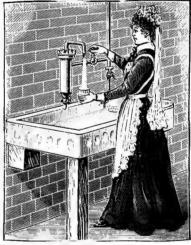
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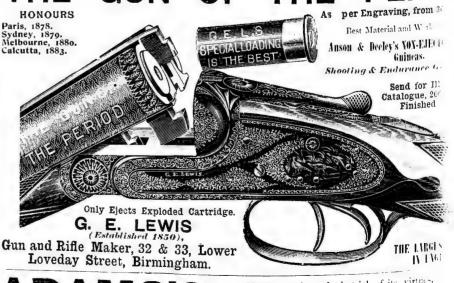
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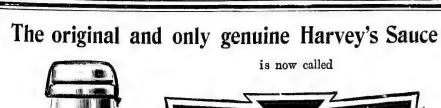
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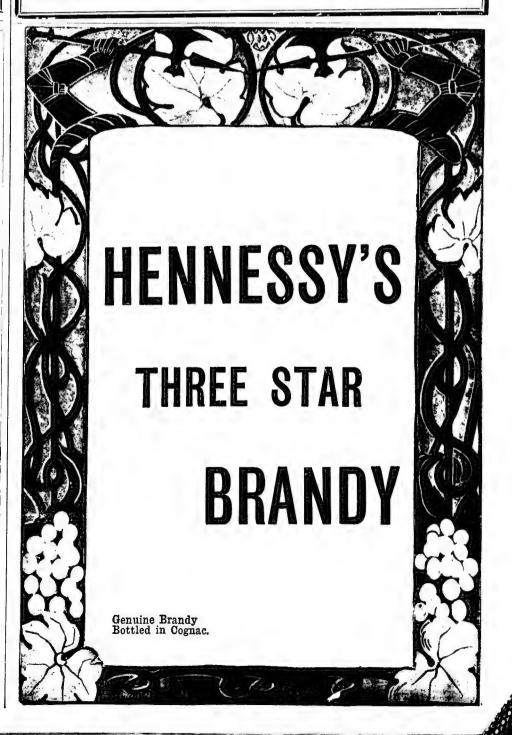
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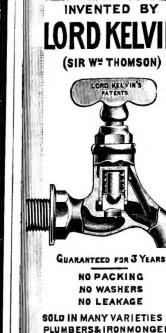
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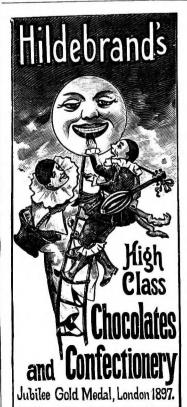


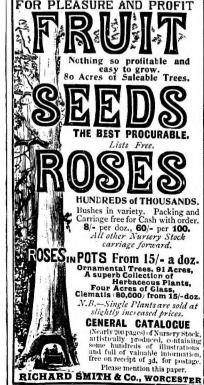
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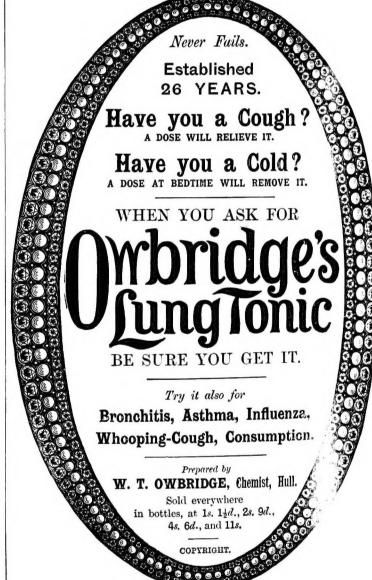


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